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## Manitoba's Unused Lands

Provincial government makes survey and classification of unoccupied lands in organized territory with a view to more intelligent direction of settlement

**T**HE first requirement for successful land settlement is to place families on farms which will ensure them a livelihood. Unfortunately it must be admitted that under the land policy which has been followed in Western Canada, new settlers have not always had this assurance. In order to guard against more mistakes leading to the abandonment of farm lands, the Manitoba government instituted last spring a survey and classification of unoccupied lands under the direction of Professors Grant, Hopper and Murchie, of the Agricultural College. The findings of these men and their colleagues will be published at an early date, but from public addresses given by the leaders in this work, some interesting facts may be gleaned.

Preliminary work gave the following ownership for the unoccupied land in organized territory:

	Aeres	P.C.
Dominion government.....	1,857,841	42.70
Soldier Sett. Board.....	131,205	3.03
Hudson's Bay Co. ....	250,824	5.77
Municipality .....	152,112	3.50
Provincial government	208,111	4.78
Local owners .....	356,346	8.19
Manitoba owners .....	807,197	18.56
Canada owners .....	229,986	5.29
Foreign owners .....	355,767	8.18

Total unused land.....4,349,289 100

Reports have been obtained from municipal officers on the value of this land and the uses to which it can be profitably put, owners have been communicated with in regard to their intentions, soil experts have taken samples for analysis, and field men have inspected a large number of the parcels with a view to checking up on the

valuations of municipal authorities, and recommending agricultural practices for which the land is best adapted. The college men compiled reports on the communities in which the land is located and the whole investigation is one of the most forward pieces of constructive preparation ever undertaken in this country for effective colonization.

Prof. Murchie, in one of his addresses in Winnipeg, made the following remarks about shifts of population within the province:

"Some districts which seem to be suffering a decrease in population are only passing through a temporary phase, which other districts generally acknowledged to be exceedingly prosperous, have passed through in turn. For instance, in the period ending 1911, the federal constituency of Lisgar suffered a decrease in population, but that area today is one of the most densely populated of the rural districts in Manitoba. The decrease in population was due to the passing phase of farm consolidation, when men were adding field to field and acre to acre, in the attempt to secure what they thought to be a more economic farm unit. In the period ending 1916, the federal constituency of Portage la Prairie suffered a decrease of population of about 7 per cent. in the five years. The reason here was exactly the same as that previously mentioned. The population of Brandon constituency during the same period remained practically stationary, showing again that the same cause was operative. In the period ending 1921, there was a general increase in the population of Manitoba of 32 per cent. for the 10-year period, and 10.16 per cent. for the

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## Custom Cleaning---A New Development

Many farmers making money at it—U.G.G. extends this branch of its service

**A** DEVELOPMENT that may have a far reaching influence on the quality of the seed sown and of the grain marketed is now under way. It is the practice of cleaning grain on a custom basis.

Custom cleaning on an important scale has awaited the development of the disc type of cleaner and grader. This machine is manufactured in various designs. One design, attached to the threshing machine, was described in the November 15 issue of The Guide. Other designs, for use in elevators and on farms, are on the market. It is the handy farm size which is now most generally used and which is apparently ushering in a new era in grain cleaning in the West.

The machine costs more than the ordinary fanning mill, and it is probably for this reason that it is being widely adopted for custom cleaning. A number of farmers have purchased the cleaner and in order to help it pay for itself have adopted the practice of cleaning grain for their neighbors at so much per bushel. In one section of Manitoba four farmers had machines out through the country last winter, with the result that over 400 of the farmers of the district had their seed cleaned and graded for last spring's seeding. In the Indian Head district one man has three of the machines and has been doing a land office business cleaning grain both for seed and for market.

The United Grain Growers have taken a leading part in extending the use of the disc cleaner. The company now has about 20 of the machines located at its elevators. Its policy is to rent them out to farmers at a dollar a day, the farmer supplying all his own help and power. If he wants to keep it busy half the night so much the better, for the main thing is to get the grain cleaned, especially the seed grain. The company intends to increase the number of cleaners in use this winter.

The use of good clean seed is one of the most elementary practices in suc-

cessful farming. Every farmer knows that he should use only good seed, yet every spring a tremendous amount of poor, dirty stuff is sown. An analysis of a large number of samples taken directly from grain drills by the Seed Branch at Winnipeg last year showed that some farmers were actually sowing over 50,000 foreign seeds per acre. The reason that in so many cases practice falls so far behind the knowledge of what should be done is that it is frequently difficult to get a good job of cleaning done. The clean seed problem is not so much telling the farmer what should be done as making it easy for him to do what he already knows.

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This work should be encouraged. In Saskatchewan the Seed Growers' Association is actively supporting it. Agricultural societies could take up the work to advantage. If each of them would see to it that a machine is put to work cleaning the seed in its district it would go further in promoting the use of good seed and improving the grain crops than field crop competitions and such activities.

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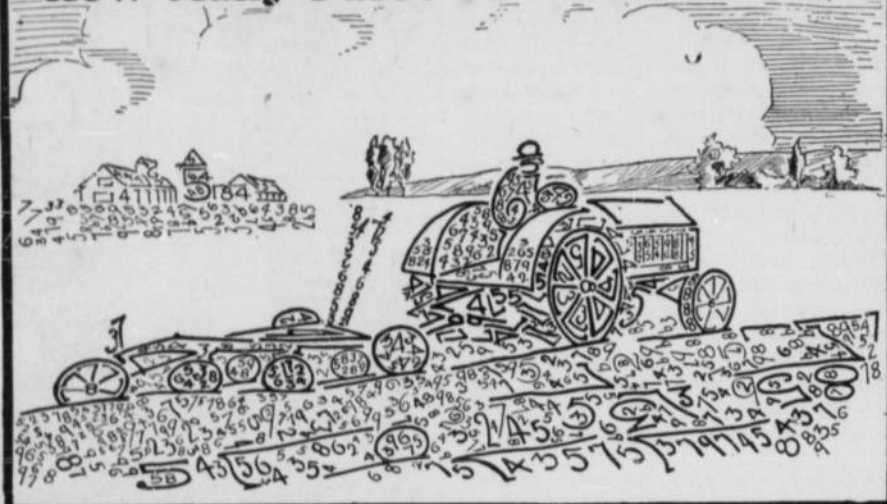




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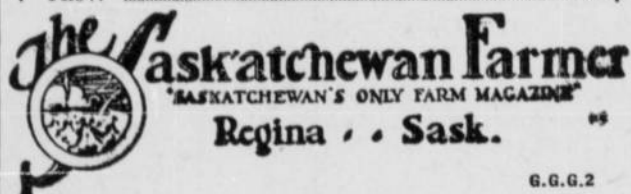
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## United Farmers of Ontario

Convention endorses principle of economic group representation in Parliament—Commercial activities of U.F.O. have highly satisfactory year—Formation of grain pool authorized—Amos to lead body for fifth consecutive year

**A** SUCCESSFUL year in all of the institutions making up the the United Farmers' movement in Ontario was reported at the annual conventions held at Toronto during the week commencing December 13.

The three organizations, the U.F.O., the United Farmers Co-operative Company Limited, and the Farmers Publishing Company Limited (which publishes The Farmers' Sun), are closely allied and the three annual meetings were practically one convention. Their offices are in one building, owned by the Co-operative Company, and a further connecting link exists in J. J. Morrison, who is secretary of both the association and the co-operative company and a member of the board of the publishing company.

### Increased Business in all Departments

H. A. Gilroy, president of the Co-operative Company, in opening the shareholders' meeting, reported a highly successful year's business, with a turnover of approximately \$20,000,000, and a profit in almost every department. The creamery output for the year was 2,895,324 pounds of butter, and patrons, in addition to the market price of cream, received \$79,471.26 in commodity dividends. The livestock department, operating on a commission basis did more business than any other firm on the Union Stock Yards at Toronto, disposing of over \$11,000,000 worth of cattle, hogs and sheep. The farm supplies department handled 823 car loads of goods, chiefly coal, binder twine, fencing, posts, rope, and building materials. Successful business was also done in the handling of hay, straw, potatoes, flour and feed, poultry and eggs. Eggs are handled through a pool, and a final distribution of \$30,000 was made, after paying approximately the market price at the time of shipment. After paying commodity dividends and setting aside reserves for income tax and other adjustments, the company had a net surplus for the year of \$60,800.79, from which a dividend to shareholders of 4 per cent. was paid.

The company, however, still has a big impairment in its capital account, a result of losses on retail stores and of being caught with heavy inventories when prices collapsed after the war, and a bylaw was passed authorizing the writing down of the nominal value of the company's stock to its present actual value. The only point on which a serious difference of opinion was evident in the meeting was as to who should be entitled to commodity dividends. The present rule is that commodity dividends are paid to patrons who are either shareholders in the company or members of the U.F.O., and E. C. Drury, who is a director of the company proposed that shareholders only should participate. Others urged that the support of non-shareholders was necessary to the success of the company, and it was decided to continue the present arrangement. The board was authorized to organize a grain pool, to handle wheat and coarse grains, as a department of the company and the assistance of the officials of the western pools will be sought in planning the method of operation and the organization campaign.

The U.F.O. convention, with separate meetings of the U.F.W.O. and the young people's section, the U.F.Y.P.O., occupied two days, most of the time being spent in hearing the official addresses and reports and the discussion of resolutions. J. J. Morrison the veteran secretary-treasurer, reported a paid-up membership of 19,836, an increase of 1,549 over the previous year, and a financial surplus on the year's operations of \$46.50, compared with a deficit in 1915 of \$3,731.24. These indications of increasing interest in the organization were borne out by many other evidences of renewed vigor and

fresh enthusiasm in the organization.

### Political Resolutions

While differences of opinion still exist among members of the U.F.O. as to the best course for the organization to pursue in the political field, the heat which has characterized some previous discussions on the subject was noticeably lacking on this occasion. Indeed, what appeared to be a most important resolution, and one that was expected to bring on a warm debate, was allowed to pass without discussion or dissent. This was: "Whereas confusion has been caused because the position of the U.F.O. in political affairs is not clearly defined, therefore be it resolved that direct representation for agriculture as an economic group in the legislature and parliament be established as a principle of the organization." The convention also declared itself in favor of the selection of the cabinet on a plan which would give proportionate representation to various groups in the House, and affirmed its belief that the prime minister should only be allowed to ask for dissolution with the consent of a majority of the House of Commons. Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., spoke in favor of the last resolution. Other resolutions adopted asked for removal of electoral machinery from partisan control, and the adoption of proportional representation in federal elections. In spite of the result of the recent provincial election, the convention reaffirmed its belief in the desirability of retaining and perfecting the O.T.A. and the need of carrying on continuous temperance education. A number of resolutions were adopted recommending changes in the educational system of the province with the object of increasing the efficiency of rural teachers and rural schools and a request was made for the teaching of the principles of the League of Nations. Protest was made against the charges for electric power in rural districts, and it was decided to ask the provincial hydro commission to establish a flat rate for power delivered to municipalities.

Resolutions of the Canadian Council of Agriculture asking for further tariff reductions, opposing the reduction of the income tax and expressing the view that economic conditions must be made less burdensome upon agriculture before any immigration policy can be successful, were endorsed.

### Foster Discusses League of Nations

A feature of the convention was a most informative and interesting address by Sir George E. Foster on the League of Nations. J. T. Hull, educational director of the Manitoba Wheat Pool, also interested the convention with an address on the pooling system, and J. W. Ward, secretary of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, reported on the activities of that body. The convention expressed its confidence in the chief officers of the association by re-electing practically the whole slate. W. A. Amos was chosen for his fifth term as president of the U.F.O. by acclamation, and Mrs. R. A. Oper, who has served for one year as president of the U.F.W.O., was also a unanimous choice. The two vice-presidents, Bruce McNevin, of the U.F.O., and Mrs. Souter of the U.F.W.O., were re-elected after a contest. Harold McKechnie, the retiring vice-president, succeeded Carroll Lindsay as president of the U.F.Y.P.O., William Hamilton being elected vice-president.

The convention did honor to J. J. Morrison, the grand old man of the U.F.O., by the enthusiastic passage of a special resolution of thanks for his services as founder, organizer, and secretary of the association, with an expression of the hope that he would long be spared to continue his work and to see the achievement of the ideal for which he has labored. At subsequent board meetings Mr. Morrison was re-appointed secretary of both the U.F.O. and the U.F. Co-operative Co.



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## Five Days of Parliament

*Impressions of the December meeting of the sixteenth parliament since confederation*

By R. J. DEACHMAN



Hon. Robert Rogers hopes to be adopted by a safe Toronto constituency.

THE opening of parliament this year was an eminently proper affair. Everybody says so and it must be true—everybody, except of course those unfortunate women who wanted seats in the lime-light and were shoved off in a corner under the stair. The opening of parliament is not a business matter—neither has it anything to do with politics—it is the social event par excellence of the Ottawa social season. If you are not there you are not IT—if you are IT you are there. The same faces appear year after year.

“Change and decay in all around I see,  
But these lounge lizards still abide  
with me.”

The performance this year was much the same as usual. If anything it was a bit more stiff and formal. Our kingly status demanded this. Mr. Bostock, speaker of the Senate, had been over to Europe picking out new ideas in stage effects. Mackenzie King, fresh from the Imperial Conference, wore a uniform which made him look for all the world like an admiral in the Swiss navy. He stood well. There was more “sang froid” about him. Associations with kings and emperors in the old land had given him confidence—the stranger within the gates might have taken him for a guard or a governor just as the inexperienced at a social function sometimes mistake the butler to be a Foreign Ambassador. Mr. Lemieux fits with deft precision into any corner of things mundane where dignity is essential. If ivory soap is 99 99/100 pure the honored speaker of the Commons has even a higher percentage of profound regard for the things that are proper. It only remains to say that the ladies there present were at their best—they were beautiful. It was a mean joke of Irving Cobb to suggest that a woman in social attire might be decked for an opera or an operation and that it was hard to tell which. How can mere man, who would look unspeakably ignominious in abbreviated clothes, diaphanous outer garments underlaid with passionate colors, and decollete effects in general, pass judgment on lovely women attired in gowns of dreams and coiffures rapturously marcelled or glorious—ly water waved!

Then His Excellency the governor-general was there. He represents the cultured Englishman at his best. I wonder what he thought of it all! India, where he has spent a part of his life, must do these things better. Still the scene would have a freshness to it save when gazing down the aisle his eye rested on the long line of octogenarian senators guarding their worn limbs from the chills of the world outside and happy in the thought that they were protecting privilege and that the

honor of the nation lay in their feeble hands.

### No Originality

There is a shocking lack of originality to our pageantry. Every year there is the same old military performance—the guns are fired—the guard of honor is there. All this of course comes down to us from the days when all power was military—when the sword was mightier than party patronage—when the battle axe was more than Hansard, and a strong arm greater than a Demosthenian tongue. Times have changed, but we change not with the times. If we wanted an historical connection to the scene why not a guard of the Gentlemen Adventurers Trading into Hudson Bay. They might be headed in these more modern times with the Hon. Chas. Dunning, bearing a piece of rail from the road that is to be—proof of our determination that we shall continue to trade into that region despite delays and icebergs and the Montreal Gazette and other difficulties that stand in the way. But change can never be. The opening scenes of parliament will never alter. We shall repeat past performances and erect monuments to our illustrious dead instead of trying to live so that those who come after us will put up monuments to us. We shall continue to hug shores of the past in all our conduct and relations.

### The King's Speech

There was not a great deal in the King's Speech. An effort to curb oratory was suggested. Last year's legislation will be dug out from the morgue, subjected to an intra-venous injection of saline solution and sent to glory or the grave, depending on luck or good management. There will be a hefty amount of money to be voted because the government functioned by governor-general's warrants for a time this year and little was spent. There will be a budget in which there is a fair prospect of a more than usually bitter contest. There is a small and vociferous minority throughout the country angling for a big cut in income taxes. They have on their side all those with incomes in excess of \$10,000 a year, and a few others of less income and less intelligence who follow wherever “big cash” leads. Opposed are a few

thoughtful people among the wealthy who realize the soundness of the income tax as a revenue measure. They are backed up in their views by Progressives, Progressive Liberals, U.F.A., Labor, and the forward looking men in the Liberal party.

There will also be a tariff war of some sort. Things are not going too well in the tariff camp. The Tariff Board is letting in too much light. Then last year the government reduced the tariff on automobiles. Liberalism had to defend its own acts. It found itself justifying instead of apologizing for its conduct—it got to rather like the job. Today in the Liberal party there are, from the province of Ontario, men who are more ardent low tariff advocates than many of the men of the West. They are sore too at having been tricked out of their dues by certain high tariff interests in the Liberal camp. In the first session after Mr.

King's return to power an amendment was made to the Customs Act, giving the governor-in-council authority, on the recommendation of the minister of customs, to fix the import valuation of certain natural products. So far as I know the Liberals never exercised this power, but Nemesis followed them nevertheless.

During the brief regime of the Tories this act was brought into effect and imports of fruit practically excluded. It is said that the dodge carried two or three doubtful seats for the Conservatives at the last election, and some Liberals bite their lips as they contemplate how the Tories hanged them on a scaffold of their own erection or turned them over to be devoured by lions which all along they had taken to be stuffed with straw. There are many other interesting items to come up. The whole business of anti-dumping laws

has been questioned by many of the members. There ought to be wigs on the green if a fight starts.

### The Lost Faces

In the chamber this year there are many changes. On the Tory side Mr. Meighen's absence is conspicuous. You might not like the man but he was a picturesque figure on the battle front. Ninety-five per cent. of his own side were afraid of him—ninety-three per cent. of the government members dodged a clash with his aquiline majesty. He was acrid and bitter to the highest degree. In thin hair-line distinction of argument he was amazingly adroit.

No man in the House ever felt more absolutely the dominance of his own intellectuality. Personally, I think he was a liability instead of an asset to the party of which he was a member, and a detriment to that party's capacity for progress. The Tories have also lost Doucet, Nicholson and Foster. That is a distinct gain, and the

Hon. Robert Rogers seems to be hors de combat for good, though strange things happen, and the Hon. Robert hopes to come

back through the safe door of Toryism, namely Toronto, the incorrigible.

Mr. Guthrie now leads the forces of the left. There is a growing feeling that he may continue to warm the chair. He is by no means to be despised. Guthrie's weakness is an inability to study economic fact in a way that will make things fit with his rather recent change of heart. For many years the hon. gentleman was a good Liberal. His speeches in the old reciprocity debate of 1911, make good reading today. He was long past the adolescent stage when he was converted to Unionism during the war. His drift to the Tory side has been an accident. That is rather

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# The Heart of Richard Verrell

By BRUCE GRAEME

## WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

All London wondered who was the mysterious gentleman adventurer, known as Blackshirt, who went about during midnight feasts attired in a suit of evening clothes and a black silk shirt. In reality he was Richard Verrell, a young English novelist, who moved in London's most select social circle. Verrell was in search of material for plots for his novels and took a keen delight in matching his clever wits against those of some of the most shrewd and wealthy men whom he knew. There had been the incident of the disappearance of the string of pearls, Sir Allen Dunn's wedding gift to his daughter, and again their return to their place of safe keeping. Then Blackshirt had met the challenge made by Ronald McTavish that if this mysterious man succeeded in taking anything of value from his, McTavish's, house, that he would give a large donation to a London hospital.

After each daring episode, Blackshirt was learning to expect to be called on the telephone by someone whom he now called his "lady of the phone." At first he had been dismayed that she knew his identity both as Verrell the novelist and as Blackshirt. He judged her to be an American by her voice, but she would give him no clue as to whom she was. Verrell found himself falling in love with this mysterious lady, who even came to his rescue when he entered the house of Count de Rogeri, the spy.

It was Heppelwhaite who rushed back to Fleet Street, and with his fiery pen, guided by his imaginative brain, wrote up the story, so that it became the creation of a novelist rather than a plain narration of events.

Swirling, eddying, the news travelled—deleted, emphasized, transformed—until less than 48 hours after the Count de Rogeri was discovered by one of the under-housemaids, bound hand and foot and gagged, the sole topic of conversation was of Blackshirt.

Perhaps the greatest upheaval occurred in

"Only the brave deserve the fair" she called to him as they disappeared into the throng of dancers.

smooth his own path, unheeding the adage which calls for honor among thieves.

Round the public-houses went the echo, "Who is this 'ere Blackshirt?" And with it travelled the words of Mother Aggy, Sniffy's woman. "Blast 'im!" she said; you jest wait till my ol' man gets 'is 'ands on 'im—this 'ere ruddy Blackshirt!" In the meanwhile Blackshirt himself, unknowing that the underworld, of which he had once been a member, the underworld which he had left behind him, had written down a black mark against him, was busily engaged—accepting an invitation to a dance held in honor of the coming of age of Sir Allen Dunn's youngest daughter, Bobbie.

Blackshirt was late arriving at the ball, and was announced just as the third encore of the fourth dance came to an end. Sir Allen Dunn and Bobbie advanced to receive him.

"Ah, here you are, Mr. Verrell," greeted Sir Allen, in his bluff, hearty voice. "Come along, like a good chap, and be introduced to Bobbie."

He slipped his arm around her waist, squeezed it fondly, and Bobbie looked up at him with shining eyes.

"You haven't met Mr. Verrell yet, have you, dear? He is one of our coming authors. I saw you reading one of his books last week. Matter of fact, I have only met you once myself, haven't I, Verrell—not long ago, at the last dinner of the Junior Arts Club?"

Verrell, turning to Bobbie, gazed, with an interest which he could not conceal, at the charming picture she presented as she stood by her father's side, her simple white dress striking a bold note compared with the multi-colored background of seated dancers.

Though her puckish lips gleamed deliciously red against the soft satin surface of her skin, though her auburn hair, dressed to perfection, shimmered with its fresh lustre, it was, above all, her sparkling eyes, which held his attention—soft, delicate brown eyes, shaded by long, curling lashes, innocent, tender, capable he imagined, of expressing her deepest emotion, the mouthpiece of her heart.

Her face was wreathed in smiles, proof of her bubbling, overflowing joy.

"Oh, Mr. Verrell, I am so pleased you were able to come tonight. You must have thought it presuming of me to have asked you here this evening, but I have heard so much about you from my friends, I have read so many of your books, that I really wanted to meet you."

He flushed slightly. "You overwhelm me, Miss Dunn. I am afraid that you will find that your friends have deceived you." He looked at her with a twinkle in his eye. "It is only my misfortune that you have not had the opportunity before."

She shook her fan at him reprovingly. "Fie, fie! You're talking just like a character out of one of your books!"

"Who should assume their personality more than the creator himself?"

"I hope you do not take upon yourself to become each one in turn." She glanced up at him from the corners of her eyes.

He laughed. "That would scarcely do, would it, considering I mostly write of thieves and burglars, kidnappers and other unpleasant people."

Just then the music of a fox-trot struck up, and Verrell saw a man approaching them with a determined look in his eyes. Evidently he was coming to claim his partner.

"May I claim just one dance?"

She curtsied mockingly. "Could I refuse the honor of dancing with one so distinguished?"

She passed her card over to him. He glanced up and down, and could see nothing but initials. Even the first and second extras had been claimed. Then he noticed that there was still one dance, by the side of which was a blank. It was the supper dance.

He looked at her mournfully. "There is only the interval dance left."

"Well?" she queried.

He glanced at her unbelievably.

"Surely, you can't—I mustn't—. Do you mean I may have the supper dance? Weren't you reserving it for—someone?"

She did not directly answer his question.

"You are the first who has had the pluck to claim it."

She whirled away on her partner's arm. "Only the brave deserve the fair!" she called to him as they disappeared into the throng of dancers.

To Verrell the evening seemed to drag interminably, but eventually the supper dance was the next on the programme.

With an eagerness which he could not define, and still less modify, he hastened to her side. The orchestra broke softly into the haunting melody of a waltz, and a few seconds later they were encircling the floor, Verrell experiencing a sensation which he had never felt before.

Swinging round, their feet in perfect unison with the beat of the orchestra, her nearness to him stirred his blood, and caused his heart to beat more rapidly. In his nostrils there lingered the faint perfume of her.

Hitherto he had looked impersonally upon the other sex. They were women, therefore they had to be amused, and the doing so was his divertimento. He saw men in happy wedlock, but the sight had not stirred him. He knew dismal married couples, and had been content to remain in single blessedness. In fact, in every way he had been heart-whole.

Only during the last week or two had he felt the first call of sex, when the voice of his Lady of the 'Phone lingered in his ears, when a few nights back he had held her in his arms for one moment, felt an insane longing to look into her eyes, to kiss the lips he had never seen.

He had been strangely stirred that night. Afterwards he uneasily analyzed his emotions, and in the end decided that it was the reaction of the adventure, the gratitude for her timely rescue.

Yet, even as he had reached this conclusion, he knew that it was wrong, for always his eyes would stray towards the silent telephone, and he would wonder when she would keep her word and ring him up again.

With Bobbie it was different. She was a living person, a palpitating woman. He could feel her, see her. She was not just a voice.

His hand trembled suddenly. He felt hers standing in sympathy, and for a moment dared to glance down.

She was gazing up at him, and as he caught the flash of her eyes he thrilled from top to toe.

Just that brief look, so quick that he could scarce believe that it happened, yet in that second Verrell changed. Though he would be the last to realize it, he was no longer the self-centred bachelor of a month ago. He was now a man trembling with love, a man on the verge of experiencing the sweetest and greatest of all emotions.

The band ceased suddenly, and Verrell's few minutes of happiness were over. The noisy, chattering throng drifted into the supper-rooms.

At first talking was general, but presently Verrell found, to his delight, that the conversation was splitting up into individual groups, and soon he and his partner were left alone.

Synonymously he became tongue-tied. He wondered what to say to her. Bobbie soon solved this difficulty.

"Mr. Verrell," she asked, "there has long been a question which I have wished to put to you. That is," she hastily added, "if I should ever have the opportunity of meeting you. You don't mind, do you?"

He smiles his answer.

"Do you really believe, then, that crime can go unpunished?"

"Undoubtedly. One has only to read the reminiscences of retired detectives and ex-Commissioners of Scotland Yard to realize that many criminals never meet with their just deserts."

"It is a foolish belief that 'murder will out.' If this were the case, why are there still so many unexplained deaths? I could quote numerous instances of this—far too many, in fact; whilst doubtless your father's friend, Sir Austin Lavers, whom I see over there, could supply many more."

She wrinkled her forehead. "I can believe that in the cases where murder is the outcome, because more often than not this is perhaps the one and only crime which the murderer may ever commit. Given a modicum of common sense and organization, and a pinch of cunning, I see

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## EPISODE IV The Dawning

**S**UDDENLY the cry had gone forth: "Who is Blackshirt?" Heralded by the strident blare of the Evening Star, repeated the next day by the morning papers, the query echoed around London, from Hammersmith to Hoxton, from Willesden to West Ham: "Who is Blackshirt?"

It was triumph for the Evening Star. Not for a long time had there been such a scoop. As for the editor-in-chief, he walked on air the next day. His snowball had become an avalanche.

The gods cast in their lot with the yellow Evening Star, for right on top of its first sensational discovery of Blackshirt there came through on the tape that Blackshirt had committed a further crime.

The editorial offices were instantly transformed into a Bedlam of shouting lunatics. Heppelwhaite, their star reporter, had immediate orders to drop the Southwood divorce case, and to cover the latest exploit of Blackshirt.

Cub-reporters streaked in and out, theirs to collect every particle of known information concerning the mysterious criminal who so quickly became a headline.

Scotland Yard was besieged, Marshall surrounded, Sir Allen Dunn blockaded, and the Count de Rogeri invaded.

Heppelwhaite was the first to interview the Count de Rogeri. It was he who learned that Blackshirt admitted that he moved in the same circles as the Count de Rogeri himself; it was he who garnered the lurid details, emphasized by the Count, of the woman accomplice; it was he who translated the Count's insinuations and added the words, "and mistress."

Society, for, if Count de Rogeri was to be believed, and no one knew of any reason why he should not be, Blackshirt was one of themselves, perhaps a man with whom they had dined but recently, or one with whom they might dine in the near future.

The news was awkward and embarrassing; but hostesses studied their lists of visitors in vain. There was no solution as to which name was to be struck off, no clue as to the identity of the elusive Blackshirt, till at length they shrugged their shoulders and invoked their patron saint that they should not be the first to commit a social anachronism.

Suburbia remained easier. They who had nothing to lose had nothing to fear; in any case, Blackshirt did not belong to the local sects.

This could not be said of yet another circle, another stratum of the community. The underworld shuffled uneasily and growled menacingly. To them the information had come a few hours earlier. They did not have to read the Evening Star. Their news came via "Limpy Mac," who had just come out of boob, where he had spoken to "Sniffy" Tompkins. The words travelled around, "Keep clear of Blackshirt!"

"A nark," Sniffy had called him, but now the underworld knew differently. Blackshirt, so they said, was one of themselves in profession, if not in society—an unknown, single-handed crook, remorselessly crushing down others to



# Good Old Kismet

By FRANK MIELL

**T**HAT little historical event known as the Great War, left Johnny M'Gunn with three things, a permanently weak forearm, a twenty-five dollars a month pension, and an overwhelming belief in the theory of Fate.

This last, born of a long sojourn in muddy, rat-infested trenches, carried him safely through incipient flirtations in hospital and convalescent days, and landed him back in single blessedness at his western homestead, with an optimistic smile and a Hebraic shrug of his mobile shoulders.

If his train arrived late at the Junction, and missed connection with the thrice a week "mixed," that was to take him the last leg of the journey to the little frame village known for want of a better name as the Home Town, he merely wiggled his top half, smiled that deprecating smirk of his, murmured "Kismet," and shuffled along to the Veterans' Club to while away the two days wait in pool and yarning. If a cow died, or a horse got badly cut in the wire, it was the same shrug, smile, and murmured "Kismet."

Yet, come to think of it, he admitted that he had always kept his head down in the trenches, in spite of his philosophic belief, and although he could not help the train being late, he kept his cattle off the creek flat where grew the poison weed, and had turned his horses out of the barbed wire pasture. There was no need in tempting Fate, even if you did believe that "what is to be, will be."

Johnny was a peaceful chap, desiring nothing so much as the friendship of neighbors, and calm restfulness in his bachelor abode. In both of these modest longings he was entirely successful. One only required to see the genuine smiles of welcome when he appeared at a neighboring home, usually at meal-times, to know that he was in perfect harmony with the rest of the settlement; and just as surely, one glance at his shack proved without doubt that he indulged his second longing to the limit, for not even the dust was disturbed here. All things being considered, Johnny was a happy soul, with calm, unruffled brow and twenty-five of the best per month.

Then like a "Jack Johnson" from the ether, the scheme of things he had moulded to his heart's desire, fell out of the mould and became as a spent dream. You guessed right—'twas a girl.

"Meet my cousin, Miss Turner, from Ontario," said the cheerful little Mrs. Haslett, when Johnny, arrayed in his newest overalls and old fatigue shirt, fresh from the brilliant sunlight, stood blinking at the subdued light of the Haslett kitchen. His eyes made out a buxom figure advancing with outstretched hand.

The conventional "Pleased to meet you," rose haltingly to his lips, and he grasped the capable hand of Miss Turner, let go as suddenly, and backed into a seat. Johnny was shy—at first.

With a general conversation, he loosened up a bit, and, his eyes now accustomed to the light noted several things, not unpleasant. This little lady was not hard to look at, and was evidently domesticated, he decided as she hustled about making deft preparations for dinner. She was not one of these fluffy jazz artists with their disdain for common farmers, as were most of the girls who came out for holidays with their country cousins.

The company improved on acquaintance, and Johnny stayed longer than he had intended, very little coaxing being necessary to persuade him that supper was a desirable thing to take at Haslett's. When, by moonlight, he returned home, it was with a pleasant "perfect day" feeling in his heart, and a merry whistle on his lips. Elaine, Ella for short, nice name, nice girl, sensible, good cook. Just the sort of girl that would look nice round the shack. Well, Kismet. Who could guess the workings of Fate? Perhaps she had been saved especially for him, and he for her. Perhaps, well—shrug

went the shoulders with true Oriental motion—they would see.

They did see, the first visible signs thereof, being a much belated, and to Johnny's notion, a very thorough spring clean of his shack. His cast-off clothing which formerly graced the corner of the living-room, disappeared beneath the bed—Johnny promised himself he would wash them when he got around to it—the said bed was made for the first time for months, something of a task since he had next to forgotten that hospital-learned secret. Gunny sacks were gathered up and consigned to the void behind the shack, the floors were swept, and above all, the complete outfit of dishes, pots and pans were washed and scoured and set in a home-made rack.

Johnny, mopping a wet brow, surveyed the result of his labors with undisguised pride, and told himself audibly that he had made a good job of it. More room to turn around in, looked more like a home fit for any woman. He wished he had one or two more decorative calendars and one of those "Welcome" mats, and then all would be well.

Johnny kept the trail to Haslett's warm, and Ella developed the habit of watching for him.

Now when two young people of different sex are interested in each other, and have the whole foothill country for a playground, and time unlimited for playing, things are liable to happen. Perhaps the clean, bracing air accounts for part. When you add a mid-summer full moon, a comfortable buggy, and a team that follows the trail regardless, the combination is unbeatable.

The fateful words gushed out of Johnny's parched lips, the soft answer of Ella was positive, and two forms merged while the team plodded onward unheeded. Quick work this, just two weeks from the introduction, two weeks of pure, unalloyed bliss, of rainbow-hued glory!

Engaged! A love-nest already built on the hill awaiting the mate.

It seems to be one of the infallible laws of Nature that the female of the species shall have the last word about the nest, and it failed not in this case.

With the ring came resolution. Daily now, instead of wandering hand in hand through the idyllic woods, or weaving fantastic fancies on the creek bank under pretence of fishing, busy hours were spent at Johnny's shack, and Johnny learned much about cleaning of which he had not even guessed. Ella was the sworn foe of dirt, and with far-sighted wisdom, led her man in the way he was to go, and when he rebelled, bullied him with kisses.

This was new to Johnny, yet he was wise enough to perceive the rigid purpose behind the silken caresses, and it worried him. He had never been woman-handled before.

Things bustled along, the shack was looking its best, and the wedding day but a week distant. The new Johnny had done a heavy day's work, taken his daily shave and change of clothes, and set forth to call on his fair damsel. At the door of the Haslett house, he paused to brush dirt off his boots—one of the many results of Ella's careful training. Loud pitched voices made eavesdropping unnecessary. He could not help hearing, hearing the voice of his Ella sound his own name, hearing the laugh that followed, hearing that deaf old shrew, Mrs. Preston reply in a shrill piping voice:

"That's right, my dear. Johnny's been spoilt. You'll need to keep a tight rein on him. Keep him well into the collar, and if he ever slacks a tug, use the gad on him."

"You don't need to worry about that, Mrs. Preston," came

The little lady looked up quickly, and gave a visible start. "Johnny!" she gasped, her face coloring deeply, "you?"



into me, do I? Well young lady it won't be you."

He sat down on the damp grass and pondered deeply. He would clear out quickly, sell his cattle, mortgage or rent his farm and go to the Coast until things had blown over, and Ella was back East. No trouble with the cattle. Old Pete would take them off his hands, ask no questions, and—tell nothing. The place ought to find a renter easily. Old Pete would manage that for him.

Johnny slept little that night, and his face backed up the assertion that he had been unwell, when he called on Ella to account for his absence the previous night, and to allay possible suspicions on the girl's part.

"You don't look any too good, Johnny," remarked Ella. "You'll need to take care of yourself, till I start on the job."

"I'm going to," replied Johnny rubbing his chest. "Think I'll go to town to see the doctor."

"Yes, do!" said the girl, "And don't forget to price those washing machines."

Johnny went, and since Pete lived on the trail, called and had a long talk with the shrewd old cattleman, after which he walked with a lighter step, blessing his old pal "Kismet" for not deserting him. Save for a few personal belongings he could pack in his old army kit-bag, and his nondescript furniture, which was worth practically nothing, he was free.

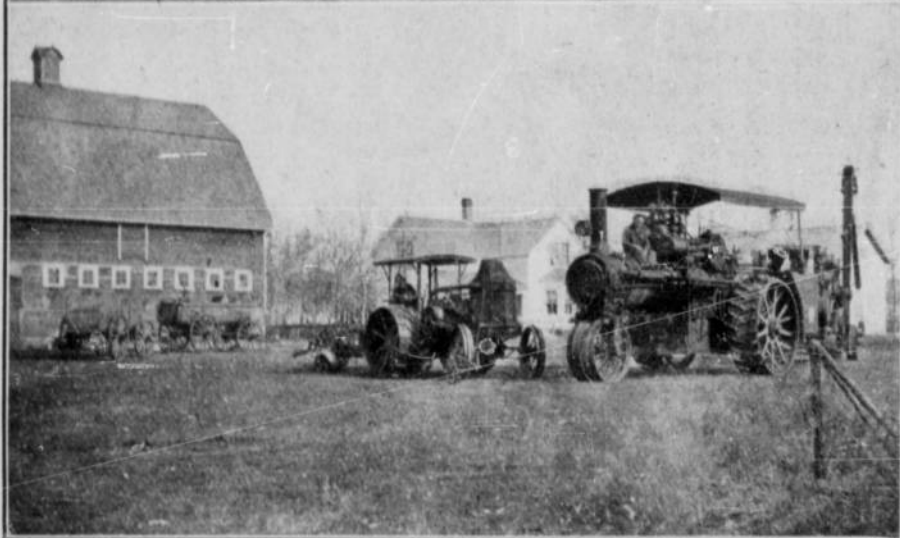
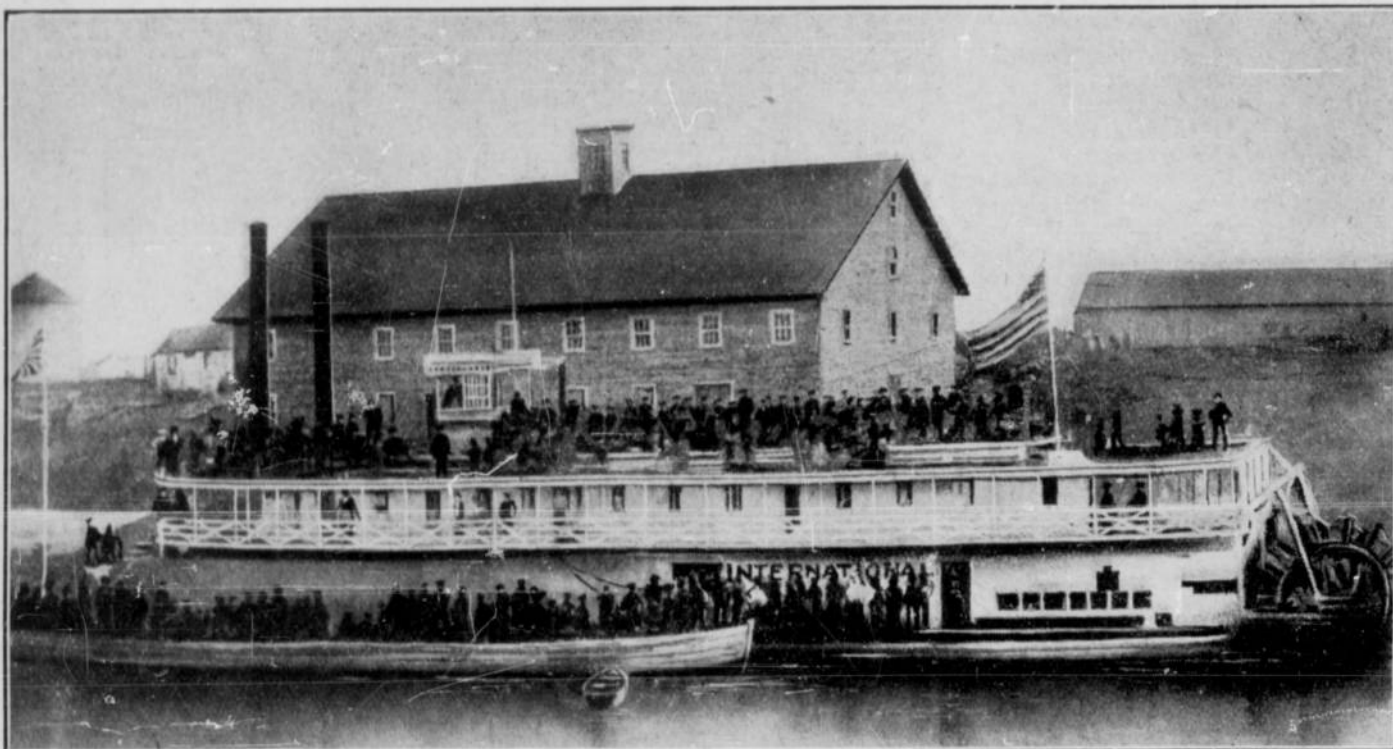
There was no train from the village until the morrow. It would be a good stunt to visit Haslett's that evening, be his normal, happy self, walk to town in the night watches, take the morning train, and Kismet—him for the Coast and single bliss.

This program he adhered to faithfully. Ella seemed more comforting that night, snuggled closer, and he had to steel himself to carry on. The good-bye said, he gathered his kit-bag from the brush and hit the village trail. Thoughts of the happy times that they had spent together and the plans they had made, sobered his lonely trek. Once he stopped and turned back a few steps, undecided. Then the memory of the overheard conversation sent him on his way again at a brisk pace. Pity women were so two-faced, he reflected. Ella was a dear girl, yet

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# Our Mennonite Countrymen



This pictures the arrival of one of the first large groups of Mennonite farmers at Winnipeg on the "International" in 1874. The picture from which this cut was made is the prized property of Bishop David Toews, chairman of the Canadian Mennonite Colonization Board and one of the outstanding Mennonite leaders of Canada and the United States.

The farm of Heinrich Wieler, a well-to-do Progressive Mennonite in the Eigenheim district, seven miles west of Rosthern, Sask. The scene is typical of the farms of prosperous Progressive Mennonites, who keep abreast of current methods associated with agriculture.

lished their homes on Canadian soil within the past 40 years or more. The very great number of them live in Western Canada, largely in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

What sort of people are they?

In the first place most of them are good citizens. They are peaceful, home-loving, industrious and thrifty. Their religion is a very big thing in their lives. They are farmers to a man. The passion for the land is almost as intense an emotion among the Mennonites as is their devotion to their religious beliefs. It is true that there are Mennonite storekeepers, blacksmiths, carpenters or garage men, but agriculture is more than a means of a livelihood in the mind of the average Mennonite. It is his destiny.

The Mennonite farmer produces good wheat. Dr. Seager Wheeler, the little Rosthern, Saskatchewan, wheat wizard, will bear this out, for Mennonites farm land for miles on every side of the Wheeler acres.

About 20 years ago Rosthern was known as the greatest local shipping centre for wheat in the world, and nearly all of the farmers who sold their wheat to Rosthern grain elevators that year were Mennonites.

## The Mennonite Capital

It is necessary to mention Rosthern, for Rosthern is the Mennonite capital of Saskatchewan, just as Gretna is inevitably associated with the Mennonite people in Manitoba. Rosthern, also, is the distributing centre for the contingents of Mennonites constantly arriving in the West. The offices of the Canadian Mennonite Colonization Board are established there.

To Rosthern, in July, 1923, came the first large group of Mennonites to reach Western Canada in many years. The "New Mennonites," they were called by their Canadian compatriots. Refugees from the strife-lashed land of the Soviets, the New Mennonites have been literally pouring into Canada since that time, and at the beginning of the present colonization year some 12,000 of them had been established on farms in Western Canada. The number is probably 15,000 or more today.

They are bringing to their co-religionists the culture of an older environment and many of them are well-educated, in the academic sense of the word. More than one penniless

*Gerald M. Brown explains the peculiar contradiction of heavy Mennonite immigration proceeding contemporaneously with an exodus of Mennonites searching for greater political and religious freedom*

young chap in the parties of New Mennonites arriving in the western provinces today is a university graduate. More than one man was a manufacturer or the owner of a large tract of land. Their wealth gone in the wake of the revolution, they are coming to Western Canada to find a new home.

So quietly are they coming that many people do not fully realize their presence, since in couples and dozens they are being absorbed by the Mennonite farming districts of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, to be placed here and there, where farm help is needed, until they can secure their own farms.

Thousands of acres of farm land in the prairie provinces have already passed into the hands of the New Mennonites. Wherever a large farm is broken up into quarter-section units, a representative of the Canadian Mennonite Colonization Board appears, and in a little while a few families of the refugees take possession of the area, and begin farming operations without payment of a cent on the purchase consideration. Sale after sale of this description have been effected on crop payment agreements, and so far the scheme appears to have worked out to the satisfaction of all concerned, although the purchase considerations are greater than if cash or part cash accompanied the transfer of ownership.

People who do not know the Mennonites associate the entire people with the anti-educational stand of some of the Old Coloniers, but the very great majority of the Mennonites in Canada today are anxious to send their children to school.

## New Mennonites Not Reactionary

So pronounced is this tendency that more than one public school board in Western Canada has had to provide an extra classroom and an additional teacher to accommodate the many applicants for instruction.

Within about one year from the date of his arrival in Canada, one of the 14-year-old boys included in the 1924 New Mennonite contingent was awarded the governor-general's medal for scholastic proficiency, despite the fact that when he reached Canada he could speak no English. The lad in question attended the Rosthern public school.

Both the Progressive Mennonites and the New Mennonites are just as anxious to send their children to school and give them the advantages of education as are the parents of English-speaking children. Public schools in Progressive Mennonite districts are well attended and well supported.

It is the Old Colony Mennonites who have in recent years established a reputation as reactionaries for the entire Mennonite people. The Old Coloniers, as they call themselves, cling with tenacity to the customs and manners, the religious and economic beliefs of their forefathers. These are the people who object to sending their children to the public schools, and who, after almost endless fines, are gradually leaving the West for Mexico, South America and other parts of the world.

The reason for this stubborn refusal to have their children attend the public schools is partly religious and partly sociological. There is the fear that contact with modern teachings and with the children of more progressive peoples will cause their own children to drift away from the customs and beliefs of their people. In this fear they are justified, since it has been repeatedly observed that young men and women

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**T**HIS is the story of a proud people, self-exiled in refuge from persecution.

It is not the story of the Acadians. Instead of the quaint little village of Grand-Pre, the tale has its beginning in the dike-girt towns of Holland, its development here and there across Europe, and its climax along the valley of the Dnieper, in the steppe country of Southern Russia. Instead of Evangeline, the chief character, multiplied many hundreds of times, is that of a sturdy, jack-booted peasant.

It is the story of the Mennonites.

Despite the fact that there are something like 55,000 Mennonites residing in Canada, they are possibly the most misunderstood and until recently the most maligned of the non-British nationalities making up the population of the Dominion. Understood and appreciated by their immediate neighbors, and a source of wonder and alarm to those who see them from a distance, these are the Mennonites.

This story is not in eulogy or dispraise of the Mennonite people. To begin with, the Mennonites in Canada are placed in three distinct groups—the Old Coloniers, the Progressives and the New Mennonites, as the Mennonite refugees from Russia within the last three years have been termed.

## "Pilgrim Fathers" of Their Race

To arrive at even a casual understanding of the Mennonite people, it is necessary to trace their development back along the centuries to the time the "Mayflower" landed the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth Rock.

While the Pilgrim Fathers were not Mennonites, their convictions were derived from the same spirit of religious simplicity which swept over Europe in the wake of the Reformation.

About the time the "Mayflower" came to anchor off the coast of New England, the Mennonites began a weary trek which led them through the Netherlands, across Belgium and France

into East Prussia, where they remained until, in 1787, at the invitation of the Czarina Catherine II, they passed out of Prussia, and made their way by slow degrees into the fertile but practically untenanted southern steppes of Russia, at that time largely inhabited by a few marauding Tartar tribes.

The Mennonite movement had its centre in Holland, and the greater number of the Mennonites who reached the Southern Russia were of Dutch descent. Names such as Dyck and Friesen, common among these people, still tell the origin of many of them. In their wanderings through the several European countries which lay between Holland and Russia, a small number of Belgians, French and Germans were added to their number. The name of Fehr is fairly common in Mennonite communities. According to one of the Mennonite leaders, this was originally "de Faire," and was added to the Mennonite nomenclature during the march through France.

The same reason was responsible for the Mennonite hegira from Holland, and from Prussia, and today explains the present Mennonite movement out of Russia—religious intolerance in those countries.

## Pacifism a Religious Tenet

One of the dogmas of the followers of Mennon is conscientious objection to military service. The Mennonites do not believe in war. It is contrary to their religion to be soldiers. This doctrine of pacifism is deep-rooted among the Mennonite people, and was, perhaps, the chief cause of misunderstanding and prejudice against them during the Great War. Nevertheless, it is their religion. They have moved from country to country for several centuries because of it, and, if necessary, they would move again. They are not alone in this conviction. The Quakers, whom they much resemble, believe similarly.

Thousands of Mennonites have estab-



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## Hail 1927!

No one will hazard even the wildest guess as to what Father Time has packed in the suit case shown on the cover of this issue of The Guide, but it is gratifying for most of those living within the circle served by this journal to recollect how well he provided for the last of his brood, now, after its brief sojourn with us, returning to his dim halls.

The year 1926 will long be memorable for the tragic list of violent natural disturbances in every quarter of the globe, but we in Western Canada can say, in spite of the coal merchants incontinent chuckle, that Nature has dealt kindly with us. All the elements conjoined to grow the third largest crop in the history of the country. True, vigilant reporters informed the world that bad harvest weather had completely undone Nature's bounty, but elevators from lakehead to the foothills are bulging and the same reporters are now talking about embargoes on moving grain. He who laughs last is the man with the grain tickets.

From the cities come signs of economic revival. Delayed grain shipments have created a lag in business which will, of course, be overcome as the crop is marketed, but by all other common measures of prosperity, Western Canada, by contrast at least, is finally enjoying something like good times. If one is inclined to doubt it let him read the annual postings of bank reports.

The political pot boiled furiously at times during the past year, but now, at the commencement of 1927, it has subsided to a musical simmer. Its temperature will not be raised noticeably by the Manitoba election contest, the only one facing a farmers' party, for Premier Bracken is rendering an account of a stewardship which during its course has been singularly free from criticism. If, perchance, Messrs. Robb and Dunning, at Ottawa, can fish some morsels out of the pot as acceptable as the ones they provided last year, western farmers, and indeed the whole country, will find further cause for thanksgiving.

Immigration figures for 1926, when completed, will be higher than for any year since the commencement of the war, and it is not too much to expect that they will be surpassed in the year before us. Canadian products have had some enviable publicity abroad, particularly in the United States, and because of the harrowed situation in which the farmers of that country find themselves there should be a bigger influx in the coming year of the type of Americans we need.

On this New Year's day the Canadian citizen can read foreign papers and give thanks without a tinge of smugness for the lot which cast him on this soil. The contemporary history of the world is being written in characters of strife and bitterness. From China to western Europe, bloodshed, repression and economic starvation stalk through the land. Thoughtful Americans stand bewildered before sociological problems which are without parallel. Mexico is only emerging from a conflict between state and church that has wrenched the whole fabric of national life. South America, like

Japan, lies stagnant awaiting a revival of world trade. Though we have much to wish for, like Bairnsfather's immortalized "Bill", we can say to the disgruntled ones among us, "If you know a better 'ole go to it."

## Progress Toward Peace

Steady progress is being made in removing the causes of international discord in Europe. When Germany was admitted to the League in September it was the occasion for widespread expressions of reassurance and the prestige of the League was greatly enhanced. Another great step in advance was made on December 12, when an accord was reached by which the interallied control of German armaments, as provided for in the Treaty of Versailles, will cease on January 31, 1927. After that date any protests that are made to the effect that Germany is not fulfilling the terms of the treaty regarding her military establishment, will be considered by a committee of the League. Thus a source of irritation to Germany has been removed on terms that are satisfactory to France who feels that sufficient safeguards for her protection have been provided.

Unfortunately, however, it is becoming more and more evident that the formal participation of the United States in providing institutions for the settlement of international disputes cannot be counted on, at least for some time to come. Hopes of the adherence of that country to the World Court were pretty badly shattered by the statement of President Coolidge on Armistice Day. Speaking at Kansas City he said that unless the Senate reservations were accepted intact by the nations involved he saw no prospect of such adherence. Things had proceeded far enough, in his view, to indicate that many of the nations were unwilling to concur in the reservations and he would not, he said, make any recommendations to the Senate to modify its position, believing that it would not take favorable action on any such proposal.

At the same time it is becoming increasingly evident that in the Dawes plan for the payment of reparations the United States has rendered signal service, in an informal way, in the interests of European harmony. The payment of reparations under the plan is proceeding satisfactorily. In his report for the past year the Agent General of Reparations states that payments have been made promptly, and that two supplementary budget contributions have been met by lump sum payments of 300,000,000 gold marks. The distribution of the proceeds has gone on smoothly without dislocating international trade or currencies. There is, he says, a spirit of friendly co-operation between the Germans and the Dawes authorities, and there is every prospect that next year the payment of 1,500,000,000 marks will be promptly made in spite of the heavy burden of unemployment doles under which Germany is laboring.

## Farm Loans Bill

Among the measures that went into the discard when parliament was dissolved last July was the long-term farm loan bill. This bill, it will be recalled, was introduced by the King government and was amended in the Commons to provide that the total costs of administration, plus reserves to cover losses, should not exceed 1 per cent. It then went to the Senate, which promptly killed the amendment and made other changes of less importance. By the time it got back to the House the Meighen "shadow" government was occupying the treasury benches. It was there approved in its mutilated form, but before the governor-general's signature was attached parliament blew up and this and other legislation went by the board.

As far as this particular bill was concerned the country didn't lose much by the

debacle at Ottawa. Dr. Tory, of the University of Alberta, had been engaged by the government to investigate the farm credit situation and make recommendations. The Canadian Council of Agriculture had also studied the whole matter and presented its views. Both recommendations were quietly ignored and the plan adopted was one which an officer of the treasury department had evolved out of his own inner consciousness. It called for cumbersome and expensive credit machinery, including a land bank, under highly centralized government control. The money was to be secured by the sale of bonds backed by the first mortgages on the land of the borrowers, but no government guarantee of the bonds was provided and it is doubtful if farmers would have been able to obtain money through the system at less than 7 per cent. As the farm loan boards of Manitoba and Saskatchewan are now lending money at 6½ per cent., 7 per cent. money would present few attractions. What the farmer wants is lower, not higher interest rates.

It is to be hoped that when the new bill is brought down it will have little resemblance to the old one. The chief object of a federal long-term credit plan is to provide mortgage credit to farmers at the lowest possible interest rate consistent with security. With loans limited to first mortgages of not more than 50 per cent. of the value of the land, with guarantees from each provincial government for repayment of all moneys advanced within its boundaries and with necessary reserves to cover losses the federal government wouldn't stand to lose a dollar. Under such an arrangement there is no valid reason why the government should not borrow the money under its own guarantee. It is now able to borrow at less than 5 per cent. With 1 per cent. allowed for overhead and reserves, first mortgage money would be put at the command of the farmers at around 6 per cent. At that it would be 1 per cent. higher than it is just south of the line where similar credit is now available under the federal farm loan scheme at 5 per cent.

If the government is sincere in its effort to help solve the problem of cheaper mortgage credit for the farmers it should completely revise its proposals. The grandiose scheme outlined in the bill brought down last session will never solve it. Any plan which cannot furnish funds at lower rates than those now charged is foredoomed to failure. The government might just as well face the fact that unless it can devise a plan which will provide first mortgage loans at around 6 per cent. it had better keep out of the long-term credit field altogether.

## Campaign Funds

While the Investigating Committee was recently probing the liquor scandal in British Columbia sensational evidence was produced on the question of campaign funds. While the president of one of the big liquor manufacturing companies of British Columbia was on the stand he identified a large number of checks, totalling \$75,000, which he declared to be campaign funds paid out during 1925-1926. When the Customs Enquiry Committee was busy in parliament a year ago it was brought out in evidence that the big distillers in Eastern Canada were also making huge contributions to campaign funds of both political parties. It is a strange commentary upon the moral standards of our public life that these revelations have produced no excitement whatever. A year ago at Ottawa the evidence that the distillers were contributing to both political parties had no other effect than causing the committee to have a good laugh. In British



Columbia it is not recorded that the evidence produced even amusement.

To any person whose moral perceptions are not warped by political expediency there must be evident some relationship between these contributions from the big liquor manufacturers and the rotten conditions surrounding the liquor traffic. If the campaign managers of both parties are receiving contributions from the liquor manufacturers it is very reasonable to suppose that both parties will be inclined to look leniently upon sins of omission and commission committed by these same big manufacturers. These contributions to campaign funds are not made for pleasure only. The liquor manufacturers regard such contributions as investments. They invest this money in campaign funds in order to maintain their present privileges or to secure fresh privileges from the political parties.

It is only a few years since we heard in the House of Commons at Ottawa denunciations of the methods by which the western farmers were contributing one dollar each to meet the legitimate expenses of the election campaigns which they were carrying on to send Progressive members to parliament. It was the finest, cleanest and purest method of raising election campaign funds that has ever been devised in the history of Canada. Yet it was denounced in the House of Commons and special legislation was put on the statute books to prevent or render more difficult the collection and use of such campaign funds here on the prairies. In spite of this opposition to the farmers' method both the old political parties have been and no doubt still are accepting campaign funds from the liquor interests which are notoriously the most corrupt interests in the nation today.

Here is an opportunity for our members from the prairie provinces to do some excellent work in parliament towards raising the

standards of public morality. No legislation will emanate from the two old parties to correct the abuses of campaign funds. It must come from some of the independent members or independent groups. If legislation can be enacted providing for the publication of campaign fund contributions before elections are held as well as afterwards it will have a profound effect in purifying our public life.

### Seasonal Tariffs

The Canadian Horticultural Council of Canada, representing the organized growers of fruit, vegetables and nursery stock, on December 16, presented to the Tariff Board at Ottawa arguments in favor of special tariff protection in the way of seasonal tariffs. Boiled down, their proposal is that during the period when these fruits and vegetables are produced in Canada there should be a good stiff tariff imposed on all competing fruits and vegetables from the United States. The nurserymen would like the already high tariff upon nursery stock from Europe and the United States made still higher. In other words the fruit and vegetable growers and nurserymen submit that their industry is not as profitable as it ought to be, although the fact is that a fair proportion of them are reasonably prosperous, while some of them, as in all other industries, have not succeeded very well. They feel, however, that if the tariff duties are raised they will be able to raise their prices and make more money at the expense of the consuming public. It is a proposition that the people of Canada at large should bonus the fruit and vegetable growers and nurserymen who represent an extremely small percentage of the total population.

The agricultural industry in Canada generally cannot be benefited by tariff protection because the main products are sold on the export market in competition with the

world. It is unfair and unjust that those engaged in general agriculture and who are continually struggling between success and failure should be compelled to bonus those of their fellows who may have chosen specialized agriculture as their occupation. Grain, livestock, dairy and poultry products form the chief output from Canadian farms and the people who produce them are not overflowing with wealth. They are handicapped by high tariffs on nearly everything that enters into their cost of production and by high interest rates on the borrowed capital involved. It is now proposed that they shall pay higher prices for the fruit and the vegetables which they may wish to buy, and the nursery stock which they may desire to purchase to ornament their homes. The most effective manner in which to protest against this proposal is for western farmers to write a letter to their respective members in the House of Commons and present their views in a clear and concise manner. The Tariff Board makes no tariff laws, it merely makes recommendations to the finance minister and the tariff is made by parliament.

We find no references in the Speech from the Throne on the opening of parliament to the question of Senate reform which aroused Premier King to a threatening attitude some years ago. He has now a majority in parliament favorable to the reform of the Senate, or presumably so. The Senate itself would undoubtedly be prepared to accept a measure of reform which would apply only to the filling of vacancies. If Mr. King still believes in the principle of Senate reform there is now an opportunity. Or will he pursue the course followed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Robert Borden and allow nature to reform the Senate and provide a Liberal majority as the aged Conservative senators pass the Great Divide.



Squaring the Cops



# School Days

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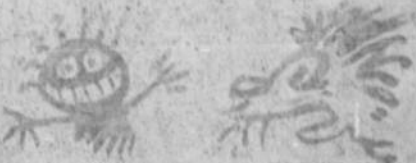
If you had to learn Arabic, Hubert, you would have just as vacant a look as these black boys of the Cameroon.



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The motor bus saves these Saskatchewan pupils many weary miles. But many prairie kiddies still depend on old Dobbin to get them to school, as in the picture below.



The picture below shows a serious moment in the lives of a group of Winnipeg cake-eaters.



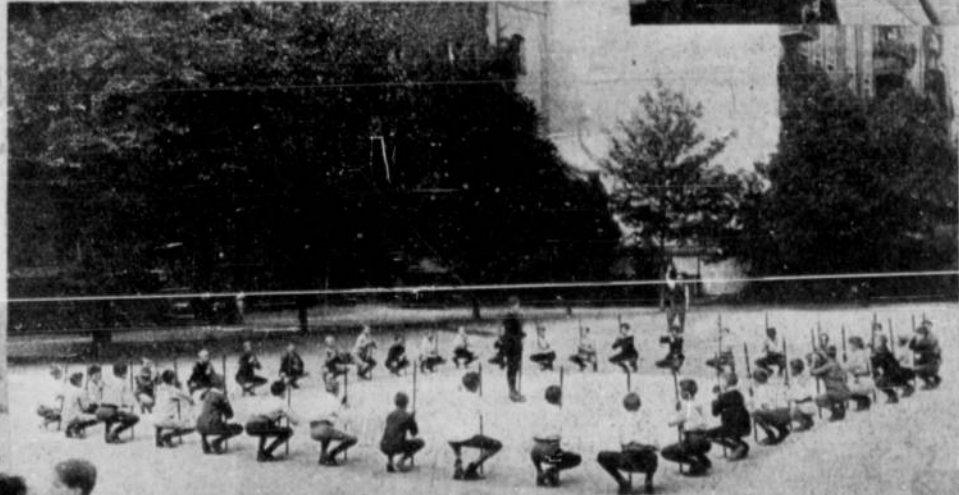
Little Jap shave-polls in kimonos doing their arithmetic with wired number racks.

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An Egyptian school on a roof top. Wonder if each boy has a pillow?

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There isn't a tow-head, an Orangeman, nor a Socialist in this whole group of boys shown below. But then you've guessed why already. They are all Blackshirts in the making.

Military precision is dear to the German heart but single-sticks have now taken the place of rifles in this boy's school.

There's a perfectly obvious reason why these young Spaniards, at the left, have this lesson out in the solitary hills.



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## The Report on Maritime Rights

Duncan Commission makes sweeping recommendations

**T**HE Royal Commission on Maritime Rights, whose report has been tabled in the House of Commons, proposes many drastic changes for the alleviation of conditions in the provinces down by the sea. The commission, composed of Sir Andrew Rae Duncan of London, England, Hon. W. B. Wallace, Halifax, and Professor Cyrus MacMillan, of McGill University, has held an extended investigation into the causes of complaint and its sweeping recommendations have already brought promises from the government that measures of relief will be introduced at this session. Chief among the commission's recommendations are increases of \$1,600,000 annually in provincial subsidies, reductions in freight rates equivalent to cutting 250 miles from the length of the railways, bonuses to the steel industry, and the establishment of coking plants to promote the use of Nova Scotia coal.

### Increases in Provincial Grants

After commenting on the necessity of immediate consideration with a view to the complete revision of the financial adjustments between the Dominion and the maritime provinces the report suggests that immediate increase should be paid until such revision is made. The present subsidies and suggested interim increases are as follows:

	Present Subsidies	Interim Increases
Nova Scotia.....	\$ 745,167	\$ 875,000
New Brunswick	666,764	600,000
P.E. Island.....	421,051	125,000
	\$1,832,982	\$1,600,000

Dominion subsidies are of course paid to all the provinces. These consist of a subsidy on population of 80 cents a head and various grants and other allowances, according to the terms on which the provinces entered Confederation and adjustments made since. It is a revision of these adjustments which is suggested in the commission's report.

### Deduction in Freight Rates

The Intercolonial Railway, the building of which was part of the Confederation pact, is 250 miles longer than would have been necessary if commercial rather than strategic considerations had prevailed. Prior to 1912 the rates had been fixed, taking into account national, imperial and strategic interests. Since then, says the report, this policy has been abandoned, with the result that while freight rates on the Intercolonial have increased 92 per cent. the average increase in rates for the rest of Canada is 55 per cent. The commission recommends an immediate reduction of 20 per cent. in the rates charged on traffic which originates or terminates on the Atlantic division of the Canadian National lines, which now include the old Intercolonial. This reduction would involve many complications, including equitable consideration of the C.P.R. and amending the Railway Act to authorize the Board of Railway Commissioners to follow out the suggested changes. These considerations are outlined in the report which recommends that the cost of the relief should be definitely borne by the Dominion government.

An additional car ferry or a special freight boat between Prince Edward Island and the mainland is recom-

mended as is also the establishment of a statutory harbor commission for Halifax and St. John. The creation of harbor facilities at these ports ahead of expansion of trade is stated to be necessary.

The improvement of the harbors of Charlottetown, Georgetown and Summerside to take adequate care of the island's trade, under the department of public works and therefore at public expense, should, says the report, be immediately undertaken.

### The Coal and Steel Industries

The recommendations include the establishment of coking plants at Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Port Colborne and London, under the assistance of the Dominion government. This development, which was submitted before the Royal Commission on Coal Mining in 1925, would cost, according to estimates, \$11,000,000 exclusive of land. The commission asks that the question of coal tariffs be considered by the tariff advisory board. This is already being done.

Prompt action on the question of the steel tariff is urged and it is pointed out that the tendency of the tariff as affected by successive alterations has been to lessen the protection on the primary products of iron and steel. A bonus on steel when Canadian coal is used in its manufacture is recommended, the bonus to be calculated on the present drawback paid on imported coal used in steel manufacture. The commission supports the recommendation of the 1926 parliamentary committee for the renewal of the 1924 subvention on coal. This subvention was one-fifth of a cent a ton-mile on coal from Eastern Canada to stations in Ontario and Quebec west of Riviere du Loup.

The commission records opinions expressed by witnesses that a trade treaty with the United States covering forest products would greatly benefit the industry and that negotiations should be opened up for a mutual agreement to secure free entry into the United States of pulp and paper other than newsprint. It also records the opinion of fishermen and fish dealers that a treaty giving fresh fish free entry into the United States and removing or lowering the duty on manufactured fish would benefit the fishing industry. The appointment of a deputy minister of fisheries is recommended.

### No Recommendations re Agriculture

The backward condition of the agricultural industry in the maritimes is blamed on the farmers themselves and on the provinces. No recommendations are made with regard to it but the increased interest of the farmers in the marketing of their products is commended. Immigration into the provinces might be stimulated by a joint arrangement between the federal and provincial governments for the better advertisement of the maritimes. A geological survey of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island for the purpose of remapping and investigating mineral deposits, road making materials and clays is suggested. The commission also favors the publication of a memorandum prepared by the Bureau of Statistics covering the social and economic progress of the maritimes since Confederation.



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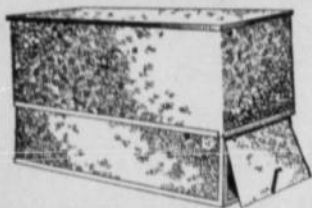
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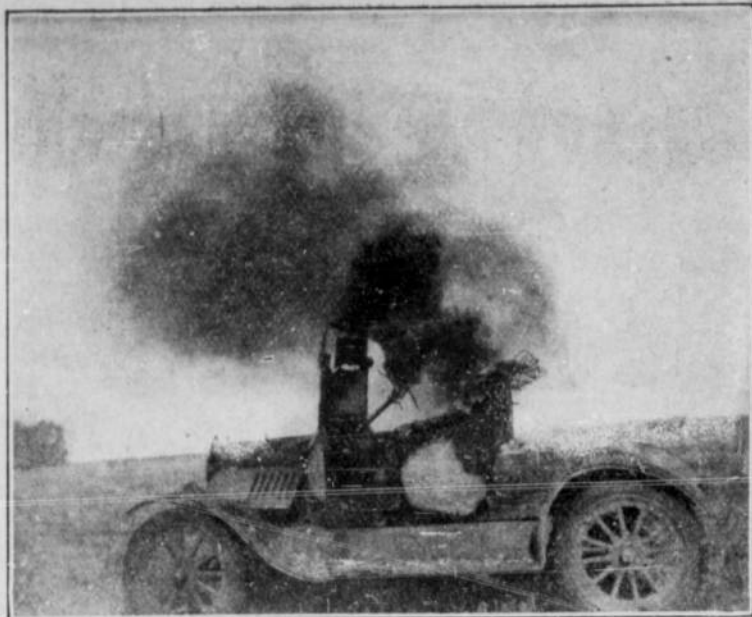
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### A Motorist's Obituary

*Our lamented friend, Percival St. John.  
By now has a harp—or he's singe'n';  
He came to this pass,  
'Cause he poured in the gas,  
But neglected to shut off the engine.*

—Photo by W. I. Fisher, Nesbitt, Man.

But then Percival St. John, whose exploit is recorded above, doesn't represent the average farm automobile user. In fact it is generally allowed that farmers get more and harder work out of their cars than other classes of people. The farm flivver, besides making emergency trips to town, taking the kids to school, hauling the cream cans to the siding, and fulfilling a wide range of transportation jobs on thousands of western farms is today pumping water, sawing wood, chopping feed, and in numberless ways repaying for its cost.

The Guide would like to secure a collection of photographs of some of these old farm autos employed in original ways, and will give prizes of eight, five and two dollars, respectively, for the best illustrations of farm cars put to productive work, whether in road haulage or otherwise. Short explanations should accompany each photograph.

Pictures of cars with trailers will not be considered in the above, but we are opening a separate contest for stories based on farm trailer experiences, with the same list of prizes. The stories in this competition may or may not be accompanied by photographs, but should run from 200 to 500 words. All stories should be in the hands of The Grain Growers' Guide by February 1.

Then, too, there are countless humorous car experiences. Ace Emmett tells one of the old days when a party of Manitoba travellers, foiled by the darkness of the night and the bewildering multiplicity of trails, gave it up as a bad job and curled up on the cramped seats to awake in the morning and find themselves in a lane at the back of a country hotel. Send us your story. If it will produce a laugh The Guide will pay for it.

### Trapper's Reminiscence

What a wealth of story is locked up in the recollections of trappers, old and young! An Alberta woman writing to The Guide of the homestead experiences of her father's family, numbering 12 children, tells of the rigid economy which they had to impose upon themselves to get through their first winter. In order to balance the family budget the older children tended a trap line. They caught three thousand muskrats that year and sold them to a local merchant for five cents apiece. This same heartless old skinflint resold the pelts for 35 cents each! "But all the same," says the erstwhile trapper, "We made a good living at it, considering the mouths there were to feed."

"When we first came here," our informant tells us, "there were very few neighbors. Indian camps abounded. How afraid of them we were! But the only harm they ever did to us was to tend our trap line for us once in a while. Of course, you didn't get any of the fur. You were lucky if they left the traps."

Then follows an amusing account of the first rat she ever caught in a trap. How to despatch it, that was her problem. She tells the story this way: "I was so overcome with pity for the poor brute that I felt I would have to do something immediately to end its suffering. I had no weapon of any kind, so I snatched at it impulsively with the intention of choking it. But the rat wasn't as defenceless as I thought. He caught me by the finger, and that was the last rat I ever tried to choke."

The Guide would like to make a collection of good trapper stories for the entertainment of its readers, and to that end is offering prizes of eight, five and two dollars respectively for the three best stories to be received before January 31. Stories should be from 400 to 1,000 words in length. Write it just as you would tell it to your neighbor over the kitchen stove and that will be as fine writing as we could ask for. If you have some suitable pictures send them along.



Most of the coyotes and foxes which find their inglorious end in a robe are brought down with dogs or rifle fire. R. Swanson likes to get the pelts undamaged so he employs snares. These animals were all caught in the vicinity of St. Paul, Alta. He uses a snare which is sold commercially as the "Out-a-site snare."

## Canada's Prosperity Not Yet Ended Say Leading Bankers

Highly encouraging statements regarding the condition of business in Canada were made at the 109th annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal, held at the head office. Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart., the president, speaking of the upward trend of business in practically all lines of trade, remarked: "I cannot see any indication that this period of prosperity is soon coming to an end. I believe that the underlying conditions are sound, and that the future can be viewed with confidence." Sir Fredrick Williams-Taylor, the general manager, remarked that the improvement in trade and commerce during the past year was reflected in an increase of approximately \$27,000,000 in current loans in Canada.

Sir Vincent Meredith, in his remarks, said a broad survey of conditions in the year under review showed much to hearten and little to discourage. In almost every department of commerce activity was greater, and, despite keen competition, profits were larger. Confidence had found practical demonstration in increased capital investment, in development of natural resources and to a lesser extent in expansion of manufacturing plants. Outstanding in this respect was the growth of the pulp and paper industry, the exploitation of mineral deposits and the harnessing of water powers, closely allied industries indigenous to Canada, and in respect to which she might be said to stand unrivalled.

Sir Fredrick Williams-Taylor, in presenting the balance-sheet, took occasion to refer to the investment of capital in the country, and in this connection he mentioned three outstanding facts regarding Canada. First, in 26 years the value of the field crops of the prairie provinces had risen from \$32,000,000 to \$700,000,000, more than \$300,000,000 in excess of the world's annual output of gold; secondly, the value of Canada's manufactured products amounted in 1924, the latest figures available, to \$2,695,000,000, or nearly twice the value of our agricultural production in the same year; thirdly, the utilization of our water powers had increased 180 per cent. in ten years, and Canada was now second in per capita water power in the world, with an investment in power plants and transmission lines of \$854,000,000. These three facts alone, apart from all other considerations, should be sufficient to attract afresh to this portion of the British Empire the notice of British engineers, promoters investors, manufacturers and intending emigrants.

"Admitting," he said in conclusion, "that for a period Canada was going ahead too fast, we believe we have had our lesson, that we are living down our mistakes, and that things have taken a turn for the better. Moreover, we not only believe but know that we have one of the best and richest countries on earth."

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## A President at Home

Some personal impressions of Mrs. A. L. Hollis, president of the Women's Section of the S.G.G.A.

By AMY J. ROE

**B**ACK in the winter of 1922, when the delegates in attendance at the convention of the Women's Section of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers wished to secure representation on the board and the executive of the main association they looked about for some one to champion their cause.

Mrs. Annie Hollis, from Shaunavon, was the woman chosen for the task. She had been a member of the Board of Directors for the Women's Section since 1916, and her fellow workers knew her capabilities. She did it well. Her quiet dignified manner of speaking won many supporters to the claims advanced and there was no resisting the logic of her reasoning. Needless to say the convention approved of representation from the Women's Section on the Central Board and Executive.

In January of this year, Mrs. Hollis was elected president of the Women's Section of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. In addition to her work as member of the board, she had served two years as vice-president, so she had been in training for the responsible office she undertook to fill. Later when the Board of Trustees was appointed to carry on the amalgamation of the Grain Growers and the Farmers' Union, Mrs. Hollis was named a member of that board as were two other women.

It was not until I went to pay a visit at the Hollis' home that I fully realized some of the sacrifices any busy woman must make when she attempts to fill the position as president of a provincial farm organization. It brought back to memory the remark of a fellow traveler: "When one undertakes to travel over Saskatchewan, one feels that one is trying to cover a country rather than a province, as it is so large." Leaving Regina on an early morning train I travelled south and west all day to reach Shaunavon in the evening. Those who know the tediousness of an all day's trip on a local line of railway will appreciate something of the sacrifice in both comfort and time that Mrs. Hollis must make, for that is a trip she has to make frequently in order to attend the business of the association which elected her to office. Then there are many days when she must be absent from her home to address meetings of one kind and another. But it is work which she does cheerfully and well. No one who meets her can but be impressed with her pleasure in being able to lend a hand to the welfare of the farm people of Saskatchewan.

### Likes Prairies Now

A seven-mile drive over rolling but treeless prairie brought us to the Hollis farm. The low-set, cozy, little white-painted house stood out, that autumn day, a pleasant bit of color against a background of stooked grain. On every side the prairie rolled away to the horizon. Along the western side stretched a blue line of distant hills. But the so-called "bald prairie" has no terrors for Mrs. Hollis, for like many another she has grown to love them. "At first," she told me, "I thought it was lonely, but now I like the view for miles on every side, and the wonderful sweep of sky overhead. When I go to the city I have such a shut-in feeling."

George Hollis is not the type of



Mr. and Mrs. Hollis and their adopted son Chester.

farmer who is content without a proper setting for his farm buildings, and he has planted a substantial belt of trees, and in years these will give an added touch of hominess to his place. Coming as he does from an agricultural part of England, he looks upon farming as an occupation worthy of the best that anyone can put into it. It may take years to turn a homestead into an attractive and comfortable farmstead, but year by year steps in progress may be marked.

Mrs. Hollis, as a girl in England, never dreamed that she would one day live on a farm in Canada. She was then busy studying French and English literature and winning certificates in a number of sciences which she hoped would be of help to her in teaching, for that was the career that she had planned for herself. In March of 1914, she came out to Canada to visit her brother, and as teachers were badly needed in Saskatchewan at that time, she accepted a position in a rural school near Shaunavon. About a year later she was married to George Hollis, and went to make her home on a farm.

### Has Wide Interests

Mrs. Hollis' interest in matters of public importance is of long standing. Her father was a Primitive Methodist minister, and her family moved about the northern counties of Northumberland, Durham and Yorkshire. Speaking of those days she said: "It was in Northumberland that most of my political and social ideas were formed. My father had a large colliery district with 20 villages in it to visit. I still have vivid memories of the tales he told us of his work as he travelled. He interested us in stories of the beginners of the miners' unions. Many of the leaders in that movement were local preachers and some of them were frequent visitors at our home."

Mrs. Hollis has fitted into her new home and environment very quickly. She sees in the organized farmers' movement an opportunity for those who must live a more or less isolated life on a farm to make their contribution to Canada's welfare in a national and provincial way. She has been particularly interested in legislation that affects women and children and in education. She is not given to thinking or speaking in generalities but comes right down to definite details, sorting out in an efficient way the faulty from the good. Then she proceeds to draw these matters to the attention of the people most concerned. She was the first educational convener appointed by the Women's Section of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers Association, and in her the rural school child has an able champion. She has stressed the handicaps of the rural school, the frequent change of teachers, the inexperienced teacher being allowed to go to the one-roomed school. She has advocated the study of a larger unit of administration such as the municipal school board.

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## Puddings

Some wholesome additions to winter meals

By THE COUNTRY COOK

**S**INCE dietitians, physicians and life insurance companies have started a campaign to prolong the average of human life, many queer things have happened to our old diet lists. Among other things one is warned particularly against the use of too much pastry and rich cake. And so puddings and fruits have at last come into their own. It is doubtful if the average man will ever relish a pudding quite as well as he does a good rich pastry with an equally rich filling. Every man loves a pie. But one will deny ones-self many things for the sake of prolonging life. Milk puddings, suet puddings, gelatine and fruit puddings with their variations offer a wide choice and if well and carefully made are very palatable. The following gives a variety of puddings that will meet the requirements of any occasion.

### Batter for Puddings

1/4 c. butter	1 c. milk
1 egg	2 tsp. baking powder
2 1/4 c. flour	1/4 c. salt
3/4 c. sugar	

Cream the butter, add the sugar, cream again, add well-beaten egg. Sift baking powder, salt and flour together and add alternately with the milk. Pour this batter over fruit and bake. This recipe may be used with almost any kind of fruit, raw, canned or dried. If raw apples are used, quarter the peeled apples and sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. If dried fruit is used, of course it must be soaked and cooked before making the pudding. Do not leave too much juice with your canned fruit before adding the batter.

### Dutch Apple Cake

2 c. flour	Yolks 2 eggs
1/2 tsp. salt	1 c. milk
2 tsp. baking powder	3 T. melted butter
3 tsp. sugar	White 2 eggs

Sift and mix the ingredients in the first column. Beat the yolks of the eggs well, add the milk and melted butter, add to first mixture and beat until smooth, fold in the beaten whites of the eggs. Spread mixture in a buttered shallow pan to the depth of one inch. Pare, core and cut tart apples in eighths. Press sharp edges in batter in rows, sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon and bake in a hot oven. Serve with cream or lemon sauce. If making this in a hurry use your favorite biscuit dough, it serves the purpose very well.

### A Wholesome Winter Pudding

3 c. soft bread crumbs	1 c. flour
1 c. suet	1 c. molasses
1 c. milk	1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. salt	1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. cloves	Raisins or dates or figs

Mix the suet, flour, soda, salt and spices. Pour the milk over the bread crumbs, combine the mixtures, add the fruit, mix well and steam for three hours.

### Good Bread Pudding

2 c. stale bread	1 qt. milk
1/4 c. butter	1 c. sugar
3 eggs	Grated rind orange
Juice 1 orange	1 T. lemon juice

Cut the bread in pieces, cover with cold water and let stand 15 minutes. Put the milk on to heat, add the butter and sugar and bring to the boiling point. Put the bread in a bit of thin cotton and squeeze until dry, add to the hot milk. Add the orange rind and juice and the lemon juice. Pour into a buttered pudding dish and bake rather slowly until pudding is set but not too dry. Serve with cream.

### Carrot Pudding

1 1/2 c. flour	1 c. grated potatoes
1 c. brown sugar	1 c. chopped suet
1 tsp. salt	1 c. raisins
1 tsp. soda	1/2 c. currants
1 c. grated carrots	

Mix and sift dry ingredients, add suet, fruit and vegetables. Stir until well blended and steam two to three hours. Serve with hard or liquid sauce.

### Brown Hard Sauce

1/2 c. butter	1 1/2 c. brown sugar
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Cream butter and add sugar, if the mixture is too dry add a little cream, a few drops at a time. Flavor with vanilla and sprinkle with nutmeg.

### Lemon Sauce

1 1/2 c. boiling water	Grated lemon rind
2 T. cornstarch	1 T. butter
1 T. lemon juice	Grating of nutmeg
1 c. brown sugar	

Mix sugar and cornstarch well, add to boiling water, then sugar, lemon rind and juice and lastly butter. Serve hot.

### Barley Fig Pudding

1 pt. steamed pearl barley	1 c. figs
1/2 c. sugar	1/2 c. thin cream
	1 c. milk

Steam the barley for two hours, add the other ingredients, mix well. Put pudding dish in pan of water in the oven and bake until milk absorbs. Dates or raisins may be used in place of figs. Serve with cream.

### Marshmallow Cream

1/4 envelope gelatine	1 c. sugar
1/2 c. cold water	1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 c. boiling water	1 tsp. lemon extract
Whites 4 eggs	1 1/2 squares chocolate

This is a most attractive dessert and one that is nice to serve when entertaining. It can be prepared early in the day and set aside until serving time.

Soak the gelatine in the cold water five minutes, add boiling water and place over the tea kettle until dissolved. Cool but do not chill. Stir sugar into dissolved gelatine. Beat the whites of the eggs very light and to the eggs add the gelatine and the sugar, a few spoonfuls at a time, beating constantly. Divide quickly into three parts. To the first part add a little pink color and flavor with vanilla, to the second part add the chocolate and flavor with vanilla, flavor the third part with lemon. Put in three layers in a glass dish. If liked, nuts may be added to the pink part and cherries to the white. Serve very cold with whipped cream piled on the top.

### Pineapple Dariolettes

3 T. gelatine	1 c. pineapple juice
Lemon jelly	Canned pineapple
2 c. milk	6 T. sugar
3 eggs	Almond flavoring

Dissolve a lemon jelly powder in hot water. Rinse one large or four small molds in cold water. Put a little of the lemon mixture in the bottom of the mold and allow it to set, then add a few pieces of canned pineapple, add the rest of the jelly mixture and when it has set fill with the following mixture:

Put into a saucepan the milk and sugar, bring to the boiling point and pour over the well-beaten eggs, stirring constantly, return to the saucepan and stir over the fire until it thickens. It must not boil. When cool add a half cup of cream, whipped, and three tablespoons gelatine dissolved in a cup of pineapple juice. Whip until the mixture is beginning to set, turn into the prepared molds and chill; decorate with bits of pineapple and cherries or strawberries.

### Orange Foam

2 c. hot water	1 c. sugar
3 tsp. cornstarch	1 orange
1/2 lemon	3 egg whites

Put water and sugar in a saucepan, when boiling add cornstarch mixed with a little cold water. Cook 15 minutes, add juice of orange and half lemon, remove from fire and cool. Beat whites of eggs until stiff and dry, then pour cooled cornstarch over whites of eggs and beat rapidly for a few minutes when mixture will be light and foamy. Serve with boiled custard.

### Boiled Custard

2 c. milk	1 tsp. vanilla
3 egg yolks	Pinch salt
2 tsp. sugar	

Scald milk, add sugar, salt and egg beaten together, cook until smooth but not curdled. Add vanilla and cool.

### Lemon Rice Pudding

1/2 c. rice	2 eggs
1 c. hot water	1/2 lemon
1/4 tsp. salt	1 T. powdered sugar
2 c. milk	1/2 c. granulated sugar

Add salt to the water and cook rice in it till the water is absorbed. Add the milk and cook in a double boiler till the rice is done, beat together the egg yolks, sugar and grated lemon rind, stir into the rice and cook two minutes. Pour into a buttered pudding dish, pile on a meringue made of the egg whites, powdered sugar and lemon juice. Bake in a moderate oven for ten minutes.

### Cornmeal Pudding

3 c. milk	1/2 c. corn syrup
3 T. sugar	or 1/2 tsp. ginger
1/4 tsp. salt	1/2 c. apricots
1/2 c. cornmeal	

Scald the milk and pour it over the cornmeal, mix the sugar, the ginger and salt and stir into the milk. Add the stewed apricots and bake for one and a half hours in a moderate oven. Serve with a sauce made from the juice of the apricots.

### Cream Chocolate Pudding

1 pt. milk	1 square chocolate
1/2 c. sugar	1/2 tsp. vanilla
4 T. cornstarch	Few grains salt
3 egg whites	

Scald milk, add cornstarch moistened in one-fourth cupful cold water and cook over boiling water for 30 minutes. Then add sugar and a pinch of salt, turn on to the beaten egg whites and flavor; take out one-third of the mixture and beat into it the melted chocolate. Then pour into a mold wet with cold water; first a layer of white, then one of chocolate and then one of white again. Serve with boiled custard, or with stewed peaches and whipped cream.

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# The Nervous Child

Some words of advice to parents

By DR. M. G. THOMSON

ONE important factor which is coming more and more to be recognized by the psychologist and physician is the nervous child. "The child is father of the man," and if we are to have a race of happy and contented people we must begin with happy, contented children.

Nervousness in otherwise normal, healthy children is the result, very often, of heredity; they are usually the children of anxious, worrying parents. They are the product of our modern civilization with its hurry and bustle, the endless struggle to "keep up with the Joneses," and its insatiable craving for "speed." Consequently their environment on top of their inherited tendency adds fuel to the flames. Moreover environment may change a placid, happy baby into a nervous irritable child.

Nervousness in children is shown in symptoms which in adult life would indicate very serious nervous trouble, or even developing insanity. This is due to the highly developed but very unstable nervous system of childhood. These early symptoms of nervous unrest are of three types which are often called "the neuroses of childhood," i.e., they are functional disorders of the nervous system, not due to any organic disease, and may be remedied by knowledge and care in training. These may be outlined as follows:

### Negativism

This is the term applied to the almost automatic refusal by some children to do anything they are asked. It is present in some degree in almost every child and if not properly handled may go on to serious trouble. The two chief ways in which it is manifested are in refusal of food and refusal of sleep, and there are many degrees of these manifestations up to the complete refusal of all food, or a determined wakefulness which may be kept up for hours. The persistence of the child in this refusal has often been so marked that the parents have been convinced that it was evidence of a precocious will-power. But the cause of these troubles when traced back to their early beginnings has always been found to be due to wrong suggestion. Take for instance the refusal of food. On some occasion, perhaps through lack of appetite (a temporary condition), some article of food is not relished and is refused. If the child's attention is particularly attracted to this episode through coaxing or peremptory orders, and the whole affair made so much of as to end in tears or a fit of screaming rage, the suggestion has been made to the child's mind that he cannot take this article of food. The next time it is presented the mother's manner, through apprehension of a repetition of the unpleasant incident, indicates to the child that she expects refusal of the food, and this inevitably brings about a recurrence of the former "scene" which indelibly impresses the incident on the child's mind. Prevention of these unfortunate occurrences may be secured by distracting the child's attention or even stopping the meal altogether and giving no food until the next meal hour.

This is the action of groups of muscles which was originally purposeful, but which has become merely unconscious movement, beyond the control of the child—for example, head-wagging, grimacing, biting of finger nails, peculiarities of gait, stuttering, etc. The force of imitation is a common cause of these very annoying conditions, but, like refusal of food and refusal of sleep, they grow in an atmosphere of unrest and apprehension.



The cure is by refraining from drawing attention to the habit and by attracting attention to other things in which the child is interested, particularly manual occupation. Working with the hands such as is provided by a sand-pile, building blocks, drawing, modelling in plasticine, carpentry, etc., tends not only to develop co-ordination of the child's muscles but to the stabilizing of the nervous system and mental control.

3. Enuresis (Bed-wetting). Proper methods of training children from infancy would prevent the development of these habits. The foundation of this training is the cultivation of good habits in early infancy. Have a regular time table for sleep, feeding, bathing and play. Some of these cases respond to medicinal treatment, therefore the family physician should always be consulted. Hereditary predisposition is usually a contributory factor, but training is a help in prevention and cure.

The habit first becomes fixed through suggestion, but is continued later through a feeling of shame and unhappiness. Therefore endeavor to induce a counter suggestion and relieve the worry and anxiety. Punishment never helps this condition, reward seldom does, and, provided that a medical examination reveals no organic cause for the trouble, it is to be regarded as merely a temporary discomfort which will disappear at any time. Above all things have patience and always give encouragement.

### Avoid Repression

Repression and prohibitions. These are the beginning of a faulty environment. "Don'ts" should be replaced by "Do." Continual dominance by adults is bad. Little children should be encouraged to play alone. Toys. At first a small box with different shaped objects which can be taken out and replaced—these objects should not be small enough to be swallowed. At 18 months, toys which lend themselves to action with which the child is familiar should be used, such as dishes, toy animals, toy telephones, dolls, etc. By the third year stringing beads, drawing, modelling in plasticine, etc., may be employed. In play the instincts of imitation, constructiveness, and experiment are all brought into action and should be encouraged. Pictures should be carefully selected—animals and pleasing figures of childhood are best—but avoid the grotesque and anything that may cause fear. Of books which may be read to children, beginning with the third year, the stories of the home life of animals such as rabbits, squirrels, etc., are the best. The care of toys, books, etc., may be encouraged by stimulating the child's sympathy for the suffering of inanimate things which are usually endowed by him with his own sensations and may be used to teach care and gentleness.

Children must not, however, be subjected to the other extreme of always being by themselves. Mothers should make a rule to play with them and romp at some time during the day. But children's parties should be avoided,

owing to the dangers of spreading infections of various kinds, which is bound to occur in the crowded stuffy atmosphere.

Parties are particularly bad for the nervous child through over stimulation of his already highly strung nervous system.

It is the task of those responsible for a child's education to guide him, without wild struggling, along the paths of well regulated conduct towards the desired goal, influenced not by the

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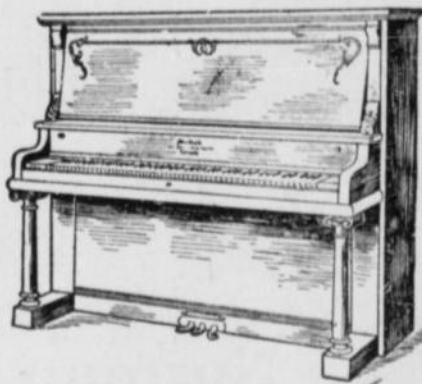
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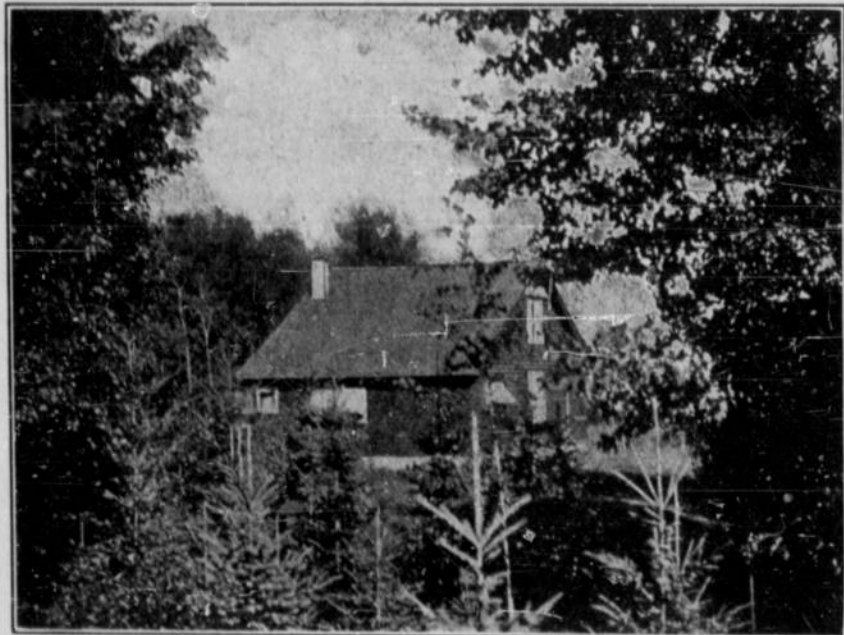
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## Russians Pleased with Bronks

Canadian officials who accompanied shipment of horses to Russia  
report certainty of bigger order for 1927

J. C. HARGRAVE, V.S., of the Health of Animals Branch, and Jack Byers, of the Dominion Livestock Branch, have returned to Canada from Russia, where they delivered 1,000 western horses to the U.S.S.R., at Leningrad.

In September, 1925, the Dominion Department of Agriculture sent a trial shipment of various types of horses to Europe, with a view to interesting European countries in buying Canadian horses. The advertising resulting from this shipment, together with persistent negotiations on the part of the department eventually resulted early in the summer of 1926, in the Soviet Government completing the contract with the Department of Agriculture to purchase 1,000 horses, and to deliver them to Leningrad. These horses had to be halterbroken, five to seven years old, sound, suitable for saddle work, and not less than 14½ hands in height.

Five hundred of these horses were bought in Saskatchewan and the remainder in Alberta and British Columbia, only a few coming from the latter province owing to scarcity of help to round up on account of forest fires.

The co-operation of the stockmen in assembling this shipment was splendid and the full number was secured in a comparatively short time. There was, however, a delay of several weeks in securing a ship large enough to carry a consignment of this size. Finally, the steamship Hyacinthus was chartered and the horses were assembled at Calgary and Moose Jaw for shipment to Montreal, where they were loaded October 7. This was quite an event at Montreal, as it was the first full trainload of horses to cross the country and the first shipload to leave Montreal since the Great War.

### Horses Shipped Well

Mr. Byers, on being interviewed, said: "At noon, on October 8, we sailed from Montreal. The Hyacinthus proved to be a good sea boat, and being favored with good weather, we were able to deliver the shipment at Leningrad on October 26, with the surprisingly small loss of only six head. Upon arrival, we found that no gangways or chutes had been constructed; this delayed unloading until noon on the 27th. During the two days unloading, there were a few thrills and exciting moments such as only western horses can provide, especially after a 6,500-mile sea journey, with no opportunity to work off surplus energy.

"The horses were examined individually by the Soviet Commission as unloaded and were then led about seven miles to a military establishment where preparations had been made to receive them. At this establishment the horses were carefully sorted according to type in preparation for inspection by General Bolinny and other officials from Moscow.

### Definite Type Wanted

"As was to be expected in an initial shipment, this inspection was a very rigid one, and the officials were careful to point out the types which came the closest to meeting their requirements. This may be described as an upstanding horse of saddle type, not less than 15 hands and weighing anywhere from 1,000 to 1,200 pounds. We were informed that this was the class of horse best adapted to the southern part of Russia

(the Steppes), to which this shipment was destined. Fortunately the type desired is that of which there is the greatest surplus in the range area of Western Canada, and for which there has been practically no market in recent years. In the shipment were a number of horses which did not meet with very favorable reception. These were of the light artillery type, and from the standpoint of the Canadian market, were the most valuable horses included.

"The sorting was done by a committee of cavalry officers, and on going down the lines after it was completed, one could not but be impressed with the fact that these men were real horsemen, and that their ideas of type were definite. Ten or a dozen horses of a certain type would be tied in a row, and next to them would be an equal number of similar type but lacking perhaps in size or quality. When the various groups were finally in readiness for inspection by General Bolinny, the shades of difference as to type and desirability from the Russian standpoint were very distinctly demonstrated.

### Will Make Heavy Purchases

"General Bolinny, the Cossack hero of Russia, devoted a day to the inspection and our impression after listening to his comments, as interpreted to us, was that he was well satisfied with the majority of the horses. The following week, in our interviews with Nicolas Souglinsky, in Moscow, we received assurance that the U.S.S.R. would purchase from 3,000 to 5,000 horses in Canada in the summer of 1927. Mr. Souglinsky is the head of the trade delegation in the U.S.S.R., his position being similar to that of our minister of trade and commerce, but different in that he is directly responsible for all purchasing of livestock and machinery on behalf of the U.S.S.R. Government.

"The courtesy and consideration which we received from Mr. Souglinsky, who was with us practically all the time during our stay in Russia, was typical of the treatment we received from all officials, civil and military, with whom we came in contact. Our opportunities for observation were, of course, limited, but our movements during our stay were entirely unhampered and from what we saw of the life of the people and of their industrial activities, it would appear that many of the reports which we sometimes read of the alleged chaotic conditions in the U.S.S.R. cannot be based on firsthand information.

### Would Promote Trade

"The U.S.S.R. seem to appreciate the trade relationships already established with Canada. Shortly after the new Republic was recognized by the Canadian government, an official agent and trade representative of the U.S.S.R. was despatched to Canada and located with headquarters at Montreal. While this official is in a position to perfect the connection at the Canadian end, the authorities in the U.S.S.R. seem to feel that they are at a loss in discussing at their end prospective business in which Canada might be interested. At the

present time, tractors and farm implements comprise the more important items in their import trade and on different occasions during our stay, regret was expressed that Canada had no trade representative stationed in the U.S.S.R. such as we have in other European countries."



HENRY IN WONDERLAND  
Through the National Parks in a Ford





No. 2366—Straight Lines. The pattern cuts in sizes 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 2½ yards of 54-inch material with 1½ yards of 27-inch contrasting.

No. 2937—Frock with Slenderizing Lines. The pattern cuts in sizes 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 2½ yards of 40-inch material with ¾ yard of 27-inch contrasting.

No. 2859—Typically Parisian. The pattern cuts in sizes 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 3½ yards of 40-inch material with ¾ yard of 54-inch contrasting and 2½ yards of ribbon.

No. 2870—One-piece Dress. The pattern cuts in sizes 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 2½ yards of 40-inch material with 2 yards of 1½-inch ribbon.

No. 2279—One-piece Dress. The pattern cuts in sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 8 requires 1½ yards of 40-inch material.

No. 2192—For Little Men. The pattern cuts in sizes 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 years. Size 4 requires 1½ yards of 36-inch material with ¾ yard of 36-inch contrasting and ¾ yard of 27-inch lining.

No. 2923—A Clever Design. The pattern cuts in sizes 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 4 yards of 40-inch material.

No. 2858—Afternoon Frock. The pattern cuts in sizes 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 2½ yards of 40-inch material with ¾ yard of ribbon.

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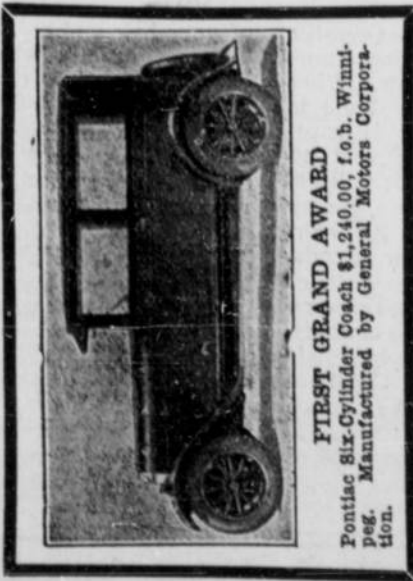
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WE ARE OFFERING

## 30 Extra Special Prizes 30

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First Prize in each Province	\$20.00
Second Prize in each Province	10.00
Third Prize in each Province	5.00
Fourth Prize in each Province	3.00
Six Prizes in each Province	2.00
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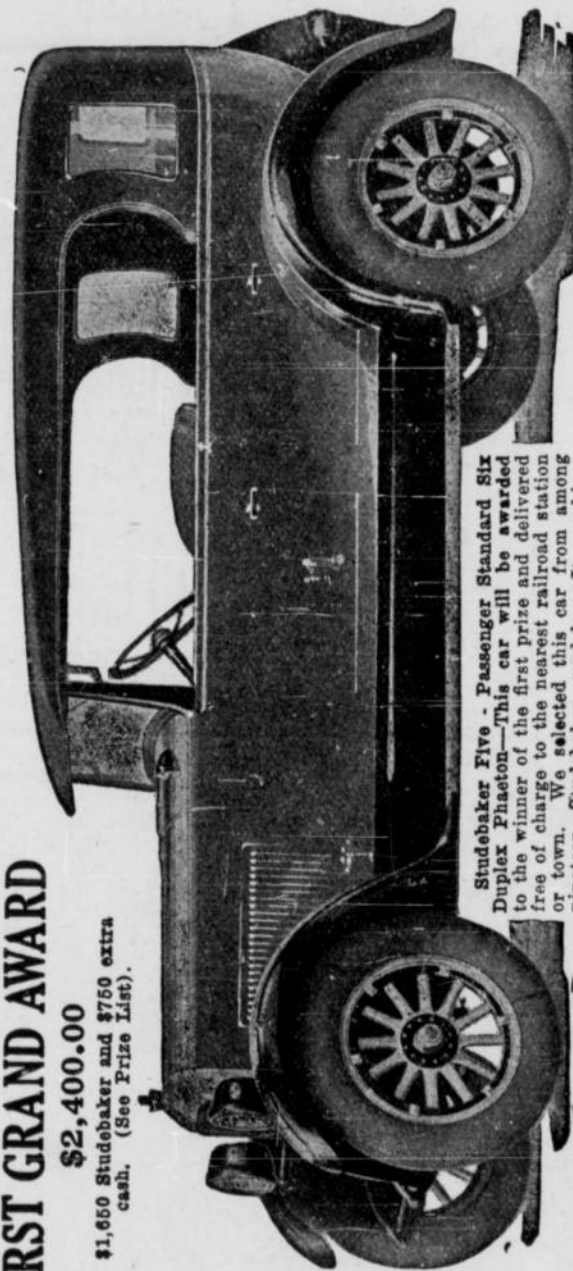
*Christmasses Come and Go*

*But the Thrill of Winning this Car will last for many a long year.*

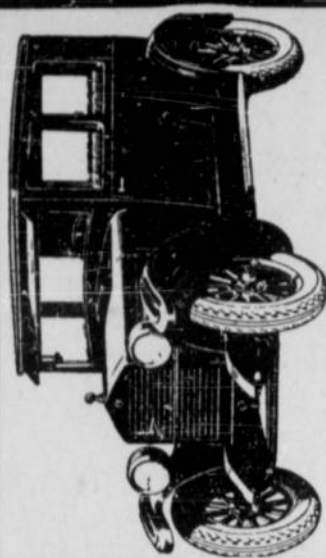
## FIRST GRAND AWARD

**\$2,400.00**

\$1,650 Studebaker and \$750 extra cash. (See Prize List).



**Studebaker Five - Passenger Standard Six Duplex Phaeton.**—This car will be awarded to the winner of the first prize and delivered free of charge to the nearest railroad station or town. We selected this car from among nineteen Studebaker models. It combines new roller side enclosures at a touch of the hand provide closed car comfort in thirty seconds. Some of its features are automatic spark control, steering gear lock, genuine leather upholstery, improved emergency brake and safety light control, combination stop and tail light, improved tire carrier, oil filter and waterproof ignition.



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**How Many Cattle on This Range?**



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**FIRST PRIZE**—Total value \$2,400  
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**FIRST PRIZE**—(If the contestant does not qualify as above) total value \$1,440  
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**SECOND PRIZE**—Total value \$1,370  
Choice of \$1,070 Chevrolet Sedan or Overland "Whippet" Coach, priced at \$1,040, f.o.b. Winnipeg, plus \$300 cash extra, at the rate of \$30 for every dollar sent in up to \$10. To qualify, a contestant must send in not less than \$5.00 worth of subscriptions.

**SECOND PRIZE**—(If the contestant does not qualify as above) total value \$1,055

Choice of a \$905 Star or "Whippet" Touring Car, priced at \$895, f.o.b. Winnipeg, and \$120 cash extra, at the rate of \$30 for every dollar sent in up to \$4.00. If a contestant sends in more than \$4.00 and wins the second prize, he qualifies for the \$1,370 prize.

**THIRD PRIZE**—Total value \$700  
\$500 cash, plus \$200 cash extra, at the rate of \$20 for every dollar sent in up to \$10.

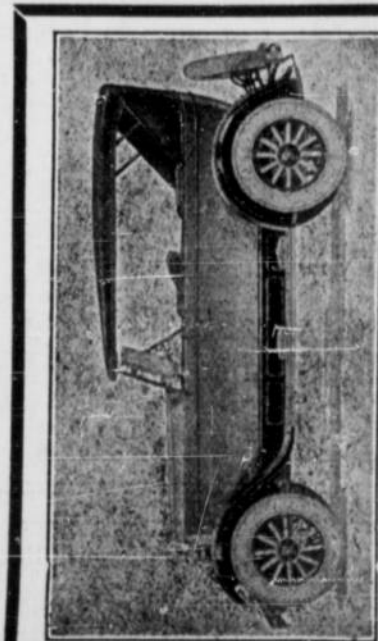
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**FIFTH PRIZE**—Total value \$300  
\$200 cash, plus ten times the amount sent in up to \$10.

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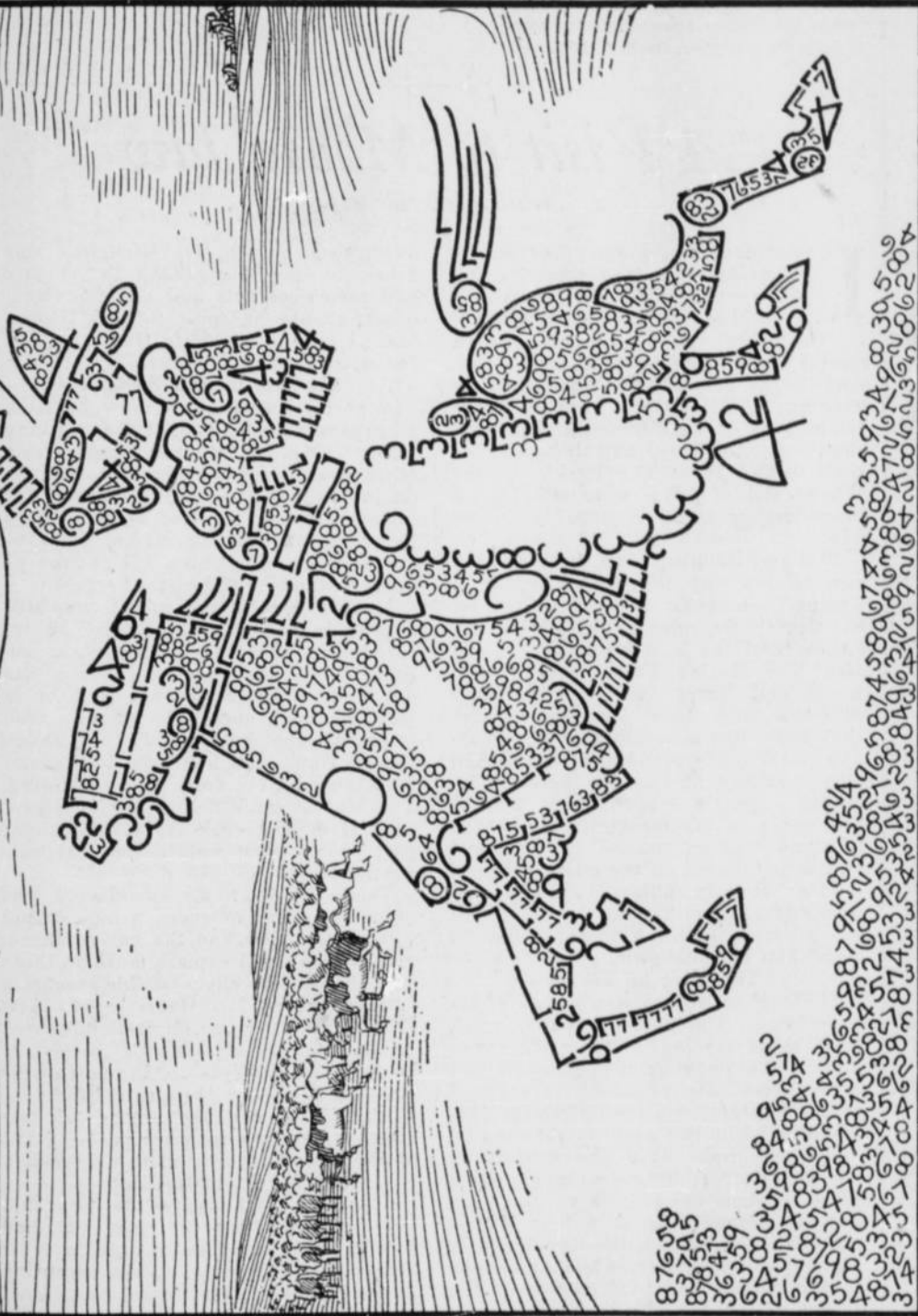


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How To Obtain The Answer—Read This NOW!

Add together all the figures in the picture thus: 6+2+9+7=24. The sum total of all the figures is the answer to the problem. Every figure is complete—no tricks; no illusions. No figures hidden in the background or the cattle. There are no ones (1) and no ciphers (0) in the picture. The tops of the nines are closed and the bottoms straight. The sixes have a curved top and the bottom is not closed.

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Contestants who have previously sent in an answer or remittance to this puzzle, please fill in these blanks. Answer sent in \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Additional puzzle charts may be obtained free by writing to Contest Department, The Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
3. Every figure in the picture is complete—no tricks, no illusions. If in doubt about any of the figures, send in a chart with a figure marked, to the Contest Department, who will gladly tell you what it is.
4. Put your answer on the coupon and send it in with your subscription as an entrance fee to the contest. \$1.00 serves a three-year subscription to The Guide; \$2.00 gives you a seven-year subscription; \$3.00 an eleven-year subscription. No subscription for persons residing outside the Prairie Provinces, or for more than \$3.00 accepted. Renewals count the same as new subscriptions.
5. Send full amount of subscription DIRECT to the Contest Department, The Grain Growers' Guide. Because of the large prize lists, contestants are not entitled to any premiums nor can postmaster or agent deduct a commission.
6. Contest closes January 31, but special prizes are offered to early solution senders. See "Special Prizes."
7. Everyone has an equal chance. The winning of a prize depends entirely upon the answer sent in. Note, however, that the value of the Grand Prize increases with each dollar sent in up to \$10.00.
8. Submit as many answers as you like, providing each one is accompanied by a subscription, but if one of your answers is correct, the money sent with your other answers will not increase the total value of the prize.
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13. The Contest Department of The Grain Growers' Guide reserves the right to alter rules and regulations for the protection of contestants or The Guide; to refund subscriptions and disqualify any competitors whom they consider undesirable, and to finally decide all questions which may arise. Competitors are assured of the same fair and impartial treatment that has marked contestants in the past.



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Transfers	9,364	12,217
New Members	212	327
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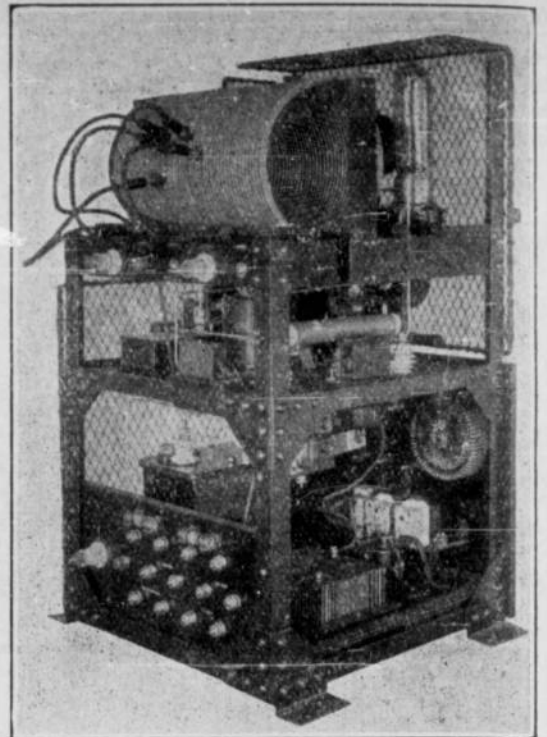
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Edited by  
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Director CKY.

### A WESTERN BROADCASTER

An extremely neat and efficient broadcasting plant is this one installed at Moose Jaw and which operates under the call letters CJRM. The entire apparatus, not including the motor generator, occupies no more space than a phonograph and yet it broadcasts over an average daylight range of two hundred miles and has been heard at night at points on the Pacific coast, up in Alaska and down in Texas. Such a range is very good for a set using a fifty-watt oscillator and a fifty-watt modulator, and speaks well for its designers, the Canadian Marconi Company, for its location at one of the highest points in Moose Jaw and for its operator, Dr. S. A. Merkley.



## A Visit to Moose Jaw

With a few side trips

**I**T is seldom that I get opportunities of leaving Winnipeg and visiting other western cities, but recently I did succeed in playing "hookey." Following the broadcasting of a recital by William Heughan and a concert by the Princess Pat's Band, a few evenings ago, I slipped away with my tempter (a modest business man who shall be nameless), and boarded the train bound for "The Buckle of the Wheat Belt." We were off to see broadcasting as it is done in Moose Jaw.

William Heughan was in the same car, on his way to give a recital in Regina. Heughan is said to possess the finest bass voice in the world. He comes from the land where they breed men like Herbie Fraser and Bobbie Burns and Harry Lauder, and Sandy Mac-thus and Jock Mac-that; where they build fine steamships and eat haggis. Heughan is proud of the fact. And why shouldn't he be. He therefore includes a generous sprinkling of Scottish songs in his repertoire, wears the kilt and sporran on and off the stage and is advertised on the bills as "Scotland's Incomparable Actor-Singer," which is very galling to citizens of all the other countries who would like to claim him as their own.

### The Lure of Travel

If Heughan ever writes a book of his experiences, I'm going to buy a copy, if it takes my last dollar. We found him in the smoking compartment, just after breakfast: promised to forward to him any appreciative letters the fans who heard him last night might send in, and then broke into the subject of travel. He has been journeying from place to place for over three years, his purpose being to make a tour of the entire British Empire, the United States and any other territories he may happen to run across. A brief outline of the things he told me may be interesting.

In May, 1923, he left London by train for Liverpool. Thence he sailed to Tenerife, in the Canary Islands. Giving recitals wherever he stopped, he visited all the principal towns and cities of South Africa. He went up into Rhodesia. At the famous Victoria Falls, four hundred feet high and bigger than Niagara, he stood on the rock upon which Livingstone stood. Then he went to India, to Java and to Australia. So long had he been by this time in the interior of Africa that he found it strange to see white men deigning to carry bundles. Not a city appears upon the map of Australia but which has been visited by this artist. His voice gets him anywhere. He told me they are growing wheat at 50 bushels to the acre in Australia, on land which the early settlers passed over and declared useless. As the result of careful selection of seed and of experiments at the agricultural colleges, the yield has steadily risen year by year from

10 bushels up to 50. Heughan was asked by the Australians to be sure and remember this and tell the Canadians, should he come to this Dominion. I pass it along to Guide readers for what it may be worth.

### Big Fish in New Zealand

A peculiar fact about New Zealand, Heughan told me, is that many living things when introduced there from other countries grow bigger than they do in their native haunts. Trout, for instance, taken to New Zealand from Canadian or Scottish rivers, grow to twice their normal size. It is true of quite a number of beasts, he said.

I asked him if the rabbit was still a pest in the Antipodes, and he informed me that they were not so unpopular now that the fur industry has developed. There are hot springs in New Zealand and beds of hot mud lying at the bottom of cold lakes. Rivers flow over hot mud banks and turn immediately from cold to boiling. The Maoris catch fish in the cold part of a river and cook it in the boiling part, which must reduce the coal bills considerably!

These Maoris are a very cultured type of native. One of them, a high school girl, taught Heughan the native dance, a fact which will explain much to those who have marvelled at his accurate interpretation of a Maori song. New Zealand, he told me, is well advanced in dairy farming, as the result of co-operative dairying. In north-west Australia, he saw the pearl fishers at work, diving for the pretty trinkets which other men in other parts of the world perform other toil to purchase.

### The Dramatic East

Heughan went as far as he could through China, but the revolution had broken out and Canton couldn't be reached. At Tientsin, he saw execution gangs returning from their professional duties with axes dripping blood. Human heads were stuck upon every city gate as warnings to looters. From China, he went to Japan, and saw something of the devastation left by the earthquakes.

There is an English hotel keeper in Yokohama. His hair is snowy white. It turned so in a few hours, as a result of his terrible experiences. His hotel fell in upon him at the first upheaval and he crawled out from under a table to find one other person still alive—a bell-hop, I think he was. The boy was pinned beneath a pile of debris but his master extricated him and dragged him to a gap which had been a window. He was climbing through, pulling the boy after him, when there came another quake and a fall of masonry which crushed the poor laddie and cut him in two. When he recovered from the horror of it all, the hotel keeper erected a number of tents for the accommodation of people seeking shelter. A new hotel has since been built and is to be

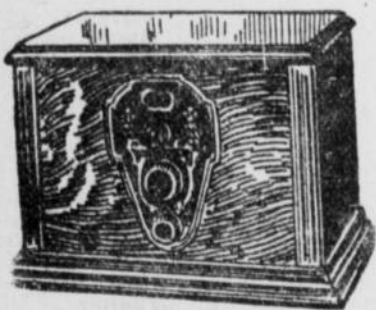


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From Japan, Heughan crossed to Victoria, B.C., and sang his way to Halifax and Newfoundland. He has twice travelled the Dominion, and has delighted large audiences in the principal cities of the United States. Like Kim, he might be called "The little friend of all the world," except that there are about six feet of him with breadth in proportion.

Heughan was among the first to be selected for voice trial by the British Broadcasting Company. He sang over 2LO London, when the transmitting apparatus was a collection of instruments mounted on soap boxes. Since then, I understand, he has broadcast only three times, so CKY fans who heard him may consider themselves fortunate indeed. The new departure by the Grain Exchange in broadcasting concerts from the Winnipeg station will surely be appreciated, if it means that stars of Heughan's magnitude are to be brought within reach of our listeners.

#### CJRM to Stay

In the last issue of The Guide, I referred to two kinds of towns—the town which, having no radio station, is very desirous of acquiring one and the town which, having a station, is equally anxious to get rid of it. To these I must add the city of Moose Jaw, which not only has a station but appreciates it and insists on retaining it in the face of suggestions that it be removed.

CJRM receives the usual knocks from owners of poorly designed sets who cannot tune it out, but the leading citizens realize its value as a publicity medium and city booster and have petitioned its owners to keep the station in Moose Jaw instead of moving it to another town and operating it by remote control from Regina. Following is the text of the petition, which was submitted to the James Richardson Company during my visit:

"We, the undersigned merchants (36 of them) hope that it is only a rumor that CJRM broadcasting station is likely to be transferred to a location in some surrounding town. Your station is giving a real commercial service here which we all appreciate and we trust you will continue to carry on the good work from the present location of your station, which we believe is ideal in our city."

A letter expressing similar desires was also received from Mayor Davidson and another from the Board of Trade. Altogether, it looks as if Dr. Merkley's work is to continue along a somewhat less thorny path than it has done heretofore. The "Doc" is full of original stunts in broadcasting. Radio is only one of his hobbies, but it gives him opportunities of interesting his listeners in some of his others—notably bee-keeping. Incidentally, he has given me a great idea. His transmitting set is installed in one of the upper rooms at his house. Why shouldn't CKY be put in Bill Duffield's bedroom, with a resulting saving in car-fares? I must speak to Bill's mother about this.

### Correspondence

#### Lighting Plant Interference

Radio Editor, Guide.

Sir: I am deeply interested in your article in The Guide regarding interference from lighting plants. There is one in this village which always has given trouble to radio. The transformers (condensers?) have been tried but they did not do much good. What I would like to know is, how can I shield my own set? Do you enclose everything but the tubes, or do you enclose everything? For an experiment, I placed the set in a roaster and tuned in a station and put the lid on. It cut out the light plant interference but deadened the station also. Just what metal is best to use for shielding a set? CKY comes in well at this point, except for the light plant interference. —F. C. L., Vidora, Sask.

Answer: It is a difficult matter to shield effectively a commercial set which has not been designed with

shielding in the first place. Modern sets have the transformers, condensers and often the tubes enclosed in individual aluminum cans. This prevents inter-action between the component parts of the set and tends to make it very selective. Probably the best you could do would be to place your set in a tin box, extending the control shafts through holes in the box and placing the dials on the outside. The extension shafts might be brass rods coupled to the original shafts by short lengths of fibre or hard rubber tubing. In placing your set in the roaster, you put it out of tune with the distant station. This is why you need to extend the shafts so as to be able to tune the set from the outside.

I believe it would be worth your while to do some more experimenting with the lighting plant and thus clear up the trouble for everyone concerned. Try enclosing the machine in a framework covered with chicken netting and grounded. At Moose Jaw, Dr. Merkley's generator was found to interfere with the operation of his receiving set. He cured the trouble by simply suspending a brass gauze fire-screen over the generator so as to form a shield between the generator and the set, the screen being grounded, of course.

#### Interference Causes

In a circular issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, it is stated that almost any kind of fault in electrical apparatus may cause radio interference. Industrial apparatus may, however, cause interference when working quite normally. This includes telephone ringing apparatus; telephone "busy test," "busy signal" and "howler"; telegraph keys; stock tickers; mechanical rectifiers of the vibrator type, used for charging batteries; sign flashers; many different types of apparatus in connection with electric railway systems, mercury arc rectifiers, such as are used for street lighting systems; D.C. motors, such as are used for elevators and other industrial purposes; D.C. generators, used for charging batteries, etc.; rotary converters, as used in theatres; ignition systems of internal combustion engines; ignition systems used in connection with oil and gas burning furnaces; electric welders and electric furnaces; electric ozonators, used in connection with the ventilating systems of large buildings and the bleaching of flour in flour mills; high voltage test apparatus; lightning arresters, when being charged; electro-medical apparatus, such as X-Ray and high frequency machines; induction voltage regulators and smoke and dust precipitators.

Add to these, natural static, squealing regenerative sets, heterodyning by overlapping broadcasting stations and a few other things we can think of, and then confess that your set does very well, considering!

#### Astronomy at Moorepark

Does the moon affect radio? It certainly does, and here is conclusive proof. In Moorepark, Man., they consulted local astronomers for the purpose of determining whether or not they would broadcast over CKY on January 18. The astronomers having referred to almanacs, peered through their giant telescopes and made intricate calculations involving differential calculus and worse, proceeded to scratch various signs of the zodiac in the snow and finally declared there will be moonshine—or, rather, moonlight, on the third Tuesday in the New Year, provided the sky is clear.

Accordingly, arrangements have been made with the provincial radio station for broadcasting a grand program from Moorepark on that night. But what has the moon to do with it, you ask? Just this, dear reader: People coming in to the concert from neighboring points will be driving, and what is nicer than moonlight when you're driving and in good company? The crisp night air, the jingling bells, and old mother moon lighting the vast expanse of snow—oh, boy! Anyway, listen in on January 18, and hear the old-time fiddlers.

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I have discovered a way to keep pumpkin and squash in the winter. As soon as the cold weather sets in I cook the pumpkin or squash, just as if I were going to make pies. Then I drain all the water off, set it in pans and put it out-of-doors and let it freeze solid. Then I bring the pans in, heat them slightly so that the blocks of pumpkin will slip out of them easily. I wrap these blocks in clean cotton sacks and pack them in a box. I set the box out-of-doors and cover it so that the contents will not thaw out with the first mild spell. I have kept pumpkin and squash in this manner until the last of March.—Mrs. K., Sask.

I have wanted a bread box for years, but never felt that I could afford one. So when my tin boiler got past using for laundry purposes I decided that it was just what I wanted. I scoured it until it was all clean and shiny. Then I punched two small holes in the top close to the edge and two in the cover to correspond with the other two. I made a loose wire hinge which fastened the cover to the boiler. I punched two larger holes in each side of the boiler for ventilators. I then gave the old boiler two good coats of enamel and there stood my bread box complete. I scald it out quite frequently and set it in the sun to air. It holds more than an ordinary bread box would hold and cost practically next to nothing.—Mrs. C. W. C., Man.

My oil mop was worn very thin so I washed it out and cut it all down level. Then I took an old hand-knitted sweater and cut it into lengths down the garment, cutting strips about four inches wide. These I unravelled, leaving about one inch in the centre of each. I then took a piece of the sweater and sewed these unravelled strips close together in it until it was all filled in. As this piece had been cut the shape of the mop it just exactly fitted it when finished. I sewed it along the edges of the mop and then tied it firmly to the metal part in which the handle is inserted. The result was that I had a mop which was almost as good as a new one. The soft, curly ends of the unravelled wool absorbs the oil nicely. I made another mop out of an old broom which had a metal part on it. I did the same as I did for the mop described above, then sewed it on a padded board and nailed the metal part of the broom to the board.—Mrs. S. P. B., Sask.

It is very handy to have a jar of liquid glue in the house. It can be used to mend glass, china, furniture, toys and many other articles. Here is a method I have tried for keeping liquid glue on hand: Put two ounces of white glue and four ounces of good vinegar in a wide-mouthed bottle and set the bottle in cold water and bring it gradually to a boil, keeping it at this point until the glue is dissolved. Then add one ounce of alcohol. Keep corked for use.—Mrs. L. Y., Man.

I save the stale bread that accumulates in the bread box during the winter months. I dry it thoroughly each week and store it away in a cotton sack. Then when the summer comes I have plenty of bread for the young fowl without drawing on the supply on hand. This bread when soaked well is better for the young chickens than the newer bread.—Mrs. L. Y., Man.

Before pouring molasses into a cup or other utensil when baking I have found that by first rubbing a little lard on the inside of the dish that the molasses will pour out easily, thus saving the time it usually takes to scrape out the dish.—Mrs. A. A. R., Man.

To recover a sheepskin coat, buy a large heavy denim smock and fasten the two together. Doing it this way one is saved the trouble of making a cover that will fit properly.—Mrs. S. T. R., Alta.

When making a jelly roll, substitute one heaping teaspoon of cornstarch for an equal amount of flour called for in the recipe. You will find that the roll will be much lighter and finer grained.—Mrs. M. G. M.

I had a bedstead but no springs for it, so the good man of the house took a ball of binder twine and wrapped it closely, first lengthwise of the bed and then crosswise, fastening the ends securely. It makes quite a comfortable bed with a mattress on it. This method could be used for a child's crib.—Maud Newcomb, Alta.

If you have made some discovery in your housework send it along to The Guide. All contributions accepted are paid for upon publication.

## Good Old Kismet

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—those words of hers. Brrr! He shivered. Couldn't stand that sort of thing for life. He must write her a note from town, explaining. She was sensible, and would see it was for the best. Golly! He hated to leave it all. The free, clean life, the friendly neighbors, the wee shack with the tops of the mountains peeping through the pines, the whispering ripple of the creek at evening. Well, Kismet, shrug! He'd always wanted to see the Coast, and Old Fate had shown him the way.

In the grey of the morning he arrived at the village, and went to the restaurant for early breakfast. After his meal, he wrote long and with much labor and many sighs. This was mail day for the settlement, so he delivered his missive to the mail carrier with instructions to leave it at the Haslett box. Then with some measure of relief at an unpleasant job done, he wandered down to the station, boarded the "mixed," and settled himself comfortably for a six hours' sleep.

The "mixed" was a sluggard, with voluminous business at every halt. When in the course of its natural route, it started wheezing its way jerkily backwards for the last mile to the Junction, the sudden sense of traveling in the wrong direction roused Johnny from his slumber. He straightened up, dusted himself off, and did his best to appear the city man of leisure as he descended with dust coat over his arm and kit-bag in hand.

Up the Main Street and into the Veterans' Club he ambled, by force of habit, a two hours wait ahead of him. A riotous burst of greeting hailed him from three of his old army comrades, and a blissful two hours sped on gilded wings, unheeded by the happy Johnny. Ella, trains, the Coast, were all forgotten in hectic memories of Ypres, Hill 70 and the Somme, in humorous anecdotes of Bramshott and French billets, in army songs and jokes, in post-war news of pals.

When the former brothers dispersed, Johnny was feeling again at peace with the world. His time-table needed revision, 'tis true, but that did not bother him. His immediate concern was a good square meal, and across the street stood The Alberta, of beloved memory, fresh and inviting.

He entered obliquely, half colliding with a trim young lady coming from an opposite direction.

"Pardon," he murmured politely, raising his hat.

The little lady looked up quickly, and gave a visible start. "Johnny!" she gasped, her face coloring deeply, "You?"

Johnny had his own visible start and gasp of astonishment. His face also reddened with embarrassment.

"Ella!" he spluttered, "You?"

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"Shall we go in and eat?" he suggested tentatively.

Ella's "All right!" lacked special enthusiasm. She seemed ill at ease.

They faced each other across a secluded table.

"You never told me you were coming in," said Johnny reproachfully. "How did you come?"

"By C.N.," responded Ella, adding in a tone just as reproachful as that of Johnny. "Neither did you tell me you were coming in."

Johnny squirmed. "Er—I—er—made up my mind at the last minute," he stammered. "Er—did you get my letter?"

"No," replied the girl. Johnny heaved a sigh of relief, as Ella continued. "Of course, you didn't get mine, either."

"No!" Johnny's voice was firmer. "What did it say?"

Ella averted her eyes. "That's a difficult question to answer," she said slowly. "It's something I'm sorry I wrote—now—Johnny."

Johnny was puzzled. "Sorry you wrote?" he echoed.

"Yes," answered Ella. "But—what did you say in yours?"

It was Johnny's turn on the rack now. He stalled.

"Nothing much, Ella. Nothing of much account, anyway."

"Well, surely it explained the reason of your sudden trip in here?"

Johnny took the bull by the horns.

"Look here, Ella," he said hoarsely.

"You might as well know. I, too, wrote something I'm sorry for. I left

to get away from you. I heard what you and that old Mrs. Preston said the other day, and figured it wasn't good enough, so I sold my stock and was pulling out for the Coast till I heard you'd left the country."

Ella's eyes held a twinkle. "And you're sorry you wrote it, Johnny?" she asked demurely.

"I sure am," was Johnny's fervent response. "I've been sorry ever since."

The girl gave a little silvery laugh. "Johnny, boy," she whispered, "I've a confession as well. I'm also on my way to the Coast—to get away from Johnny M'Gunn—or, at least, I was. Now—I'm not so sure. I was afraid of you, Johnny. Afraid you were so shiftless and easy going that you would never amount to anything. Yet—as soon as I left, I knew that you meant more to me than anything else—just the way you are, happy-go-lucky and lovable."

Johnny proved without further delay that he had a very decided will of his own. He leaned right across that secluded table and took the smiling girl as far into his arms as the circumstances permitted.

"You're going to the Coast with Johnny M'Gunn," he said firmly, as he kissed her tenderly. "And it's your honeymoon trip. Good old Kismet has worked this thing out in his own sweet way."

Ella, blushing happily, released herself from his ardent embrace.

"Good old Kismet," she murmured softly.

## Our Mennonite Countrymen

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from one of the Old Colony villages, placed among Progressive Mennonites or other people of a progressive turn of mind, gradually fall away from their people and themselves begin the process of modernization.

And even among the Old Coloniers there are many who would willingly send their children to the public schools except for the contrary influence of their bishops—watchdogs of the old customs, the old beliefs, the old traditions and even the old modes of dress.

The Old Colony villages of Saskatchewan and Manitoba have been called "little bits of Russia," and this they are. The Old Coloniers, alone of all the Mennonites in Canada, still live in villages, farming the land for several miles in every direction, and returning to the settlements at night. Their buildings are the buildings of Southern Russia, thatched-roofed and with the house and barn under one ridge-pole, separated only by a partition. They dress very much as they or their fathers or grandparents dressed when they first came to this Dominion. Their speech is the speech of the Mennonites for generations past. Some of the more orthodox of the Old Coloniers even refuse to learn English. Some of them have been known to profess ignorance of the English language, although familiar enough with its meaning.

### Old Coloniers Prefer Segregation

They are fair farmers, but until they surmount the religious social and economic barriers erected by their spiritual leaders, they will never make good Canadians, nor satisfactory citizens of any country on earth. Their present tendency is the tendency they have followed throughout their residence in Canada—to live aloof from all other nationalities, to preserve intact their traditions, and to be residents but not truly citizens of this Dominion. Many of the Old Coloniers do not exercise the franchise; it is contrary to their religious doctrines.

One other point should be noted before leaving the subject of the Old Colony Mennonites. Their present exodus to Mexico is not entirely because of educational statutes, compelling them to send their children to the public schools. In 1917, the Old Colony Mennonites, together with many more non-British nationalities, were deprived of the franchise, under the Wartime Elections Act. The Old Coloniers have never forgotten this. Two years ago, when one of the first

train loads of Mennonites and their property left Central Saskatchewan for the Durango Valley, in Mexico, a Mennonite who had come to Canada 50 years before told the writer that it was the loss of his vote in 1917, that was impelling himself and many of his compatriots to leave Canada. Many Mennonites who voted prior to 1917, and who were deprived of the ballot in that year, have refused to vote ever since.

### Younger Generation Good Citizens

The Progressive Mennonites, who greatly outnumber the Old Coloniers, are good citizens in every meaning of the word. They keep abreast of the times. Their farms are as well operated as the farms of their British-Canadian neighbors. Their sons are numbered among the students in western agricultural colleges. Fine farm homes and huge red barns exist in the older of the Progressive Mennonite districts. They speak English, and with each new generation the quality of their English speech improves. From every angle, with the one exception of their objection to military service, the Progressive Mennonites are as good citizens as any of the other national groups making up Canada's population.

The New Mennonites resemble the Progressives in temperament and are found today in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Alberta harbors a number and some of them are in the German-speaking districts of Ontario. The exact New Mennonite population of each of these provinces is not known at present.

The last census of the two older branches of the Mennonites, the Progressives and the Old Coloniers, shows that in 1923, there were 37,600 of them in Canada. Manitoba was the home of 20,000 Old Coloniers and Progressives and Saskatchewan's population included about 13,000. There were 1,500 in Alberta; 3,000 in Ontario and about 100 in British Columbia. The total of 37,600 will by this time have materially increased. Definite estimates of the number of Old Coloniers and Progressives in each province are not available, although it is known that the Progressives considerably outnumber the Old Coloniers.

In the United States the Mennonites are about twice as strong, numerically, as they are in Canada. In 1923 a Mennonite census of the United States showed 100,000 Mennonites, nearly all of whom are decidedly progressive in that country.



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## The Heart of Richard Verrell

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no reason why murderers should ever be caught. It is the habitual criminal of whom I am talking now. There is an old saying about taking the pitcher to the well too often. How many habitual criminals retain their liberty for long?"

"That is because the average criminal of today is usually an uneducated, unimaginative man. He may plan, he may organize, so that his chances of discovery are nil, but nearly always he forgets one little detail. He doesn't allow for coincidence or the unexpected. If a strange circumstance turns up of which he had no previous knowledge, he cannot turn this to his advantage, because he lacks the brain to do so.

"A man who wishes to succeed in crime must read and travel. He must study character, psychology, custom. He must be prepared, in the event of the unexpected turning up, to place himself in the other man's position; that is, assuming that he has been interrupted at his work by another man. He must be able to say to himself, 'Now, if I were the other man and caught a burglar at his work, what would I do?' If he can do this he can get just ahead of his interrupter, and probably circumvent his movements.

"A certain amount of make-up is essential to the successful criminal. It is absurd for him to imagine that he can go on year after year without being seen once or twice, even if he is not caught. He must disguise his voice as well, and, if the occasion arises, he must be able to assume the dialect of a Cockney, the timbre of a gentleman, the nasal intonation of an American, or the broken English of a foreigner.

"Perhaps more important than anything else is the fact that he should be a gentleman. A gentleman—or, shall we say, one who speaks and dresses as a gentleman—is the man who is least likely to be suspected. Naturally, one apparently having money, doesn't need to steal. An absurd fallacy, no doubt. There are many who are called gentlemen who have less money to spare than the average bank clerk, who is not termed by this cynical world of ours a gentleman."

Verrell had become carried away, and suddenly he stopped, realizing that in another moment he might say more than he ought.

Bobbie glanced at him with admiration in her eyes.

"I must confess, Mr. Verrell, that I had never looked at crime from that point of view. According to your views, then a criminal should prepare for his escape before he plans his crime."

"Exactly, Miss Dunn."

"In that case, then, what are your views of the man who is known as Black-shirt?"

Verrell gazed thoughtfully at his wine. The conversation was becoming a trifle personal.

"Black-shirt? Let me see—oh, yes, the man they have been talking about in the papers the last few days."

"Surely you have read all about him?" asked Bobbie.

"Why, yes, of course. It would natur-

ally be a subject which should interest me."

"Then don't you agree with me that Black-shirt is probably the type of man you have just been describing? A man—well, almost like yourself, for instance."

"You flatter me, Miss Dunn, for if Black-shirt is all that the papers report, he must be a cleverer man than ever I can hope to be."

She sighed. "I know it is awfully wicked of me to say so, Mr. Verrell; but, do you know, I'd give anything to meet Black-shirt!"

"Perhaps you have already done so."

She glanced at him quickly. "Why, what do you mean?"

He shrugged his shoulders. "Does not the Evening Star report that he moves in our circle?"

She seemed disappointed. "Yes, I know, but that does not help me a bit. For instance, he might be Mr. Porter over at the other table."

There was laughter in her voice as she said this, and Verrell glanced at the man she indicated; and he, too, smiled. Porter was a typical type of the cartooned henpecked husband. His eyes drooped in company with his straggly moustache; his big horn-rimmed spectacles advertised his near-sightedness. He was, as a matter of fact, a professor of science.

"No, I'm afraid you must look elsewhere for Black-shirt," chuckled Verrell. "In the first case, he would scarcely wear a moustache. Any one who must be ready to disguise at a moment's notice cannot indulge in hirsute adornments."

Bobbie pouted slightly. "I suppose I never shall meet him, so it is not much use thinking about it."

"Do you admire him so much?" he asked curiously.

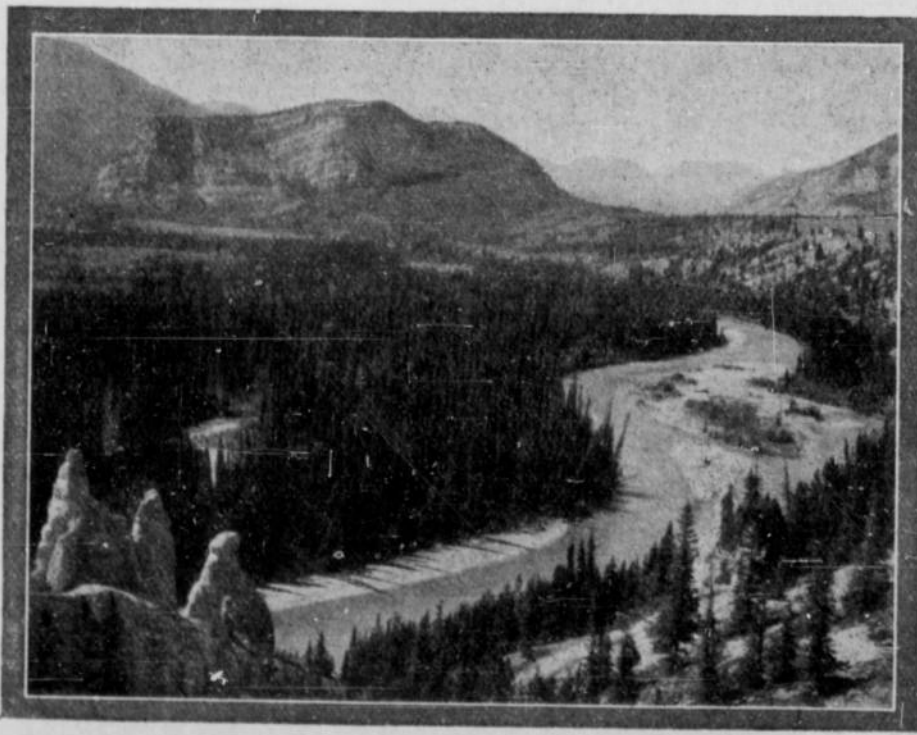
"N-no." There was a hesitating ring in her voice. "I wouldn't go so far as to say I admire him, for one cannot admire a thief." There was a cutting emphasis on the last word which chilled Verrell. "At the same time, the man has certain qualities which I admire, and I can only regret that they are not turned to a better account. If he is a gentleman, I wonder why he does it?"

Again the question why. For the second time he had been asked that, and in each case by a woman. His Lady of the 'Phone had said, "Why do you do it?" and now Bobbie. Almost identically the same words: it was only the pronoun that differed.

"Why does he do it?" he repeated. "That's a difficult question. Probably for the sake of money."

"How unromantic!" remonstrated Bobbie. "Come, Mr. Verrell, supposing you were writing a story about Black-shirt, and wished to make him your hero, what would be your answer to the mystery?"

"That's more easily answered, Miss Dunn. If I were making Black-shirt one of my heroes, I should perhaps have him, in the first case, a thief by force of circumstances, probably because he was brought up to it, bullied into it by cruel parents. I should have to make him



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start this way, because obviously he must have acquired his knowledge and skill, and also this would excuse him to a slight extent. If he were born and bred a gentleman with plenty of money, who then turned to crime for crime's sake, there would be no excuse. To continue the story, we now have this boy, whose sole knowledge of the world consists of thieving, and whose only associates are thieves, swindlers and common crooks.

"Later on I should have some deep-rooted side of his character appealing to him to better himself, and I should have this growing lad educate himself till he became a gentleman, if this were possible. I should have him at first endeavor to give up his life of crime, but afterwards I should have him succumb to the lure and fascination of the game.

"Try to picture to yourself, Miss Dunn, just what it must be like—the lure of silently manipulating the window-catches, or the locks of doors, so that not a sound is to be heard; imagine the sensitive fingers feeling here and there, taking even 15 to 30 minutes to secure an entrance.

"Then fancy him advancing step by step, noiseless as a shadow. Think of his cool hand as compared to the beating of his heart. Then, when his work is done, let yourself feel the joy of his return home safe and sound, his triumph, the satisfied sensation of success. Say to yourself that here is a man, a born adventurer, a natural fighter, who, because Fate willed it so, was involuntarily embarked upon a career of crime, and who remained in it only to satisfy his greed for excitement and adventure.

"As a soldier or a sailor he might have been superb, but it was not for him to be so, and he played his game of life the best he knew."

There was a stirring of chairs and a sudden silence; the supper was over, his conversation with Bobbie finished.

Then followed speeches and toasts to the hostess, who was celebrating her legal transformation from girlhood to womanhood, but who remained still a girl.

The hour was early in the morning when Verrell returned to his flat in Notting Hill. Slipping off his dinner-jacket, he arrayed himself in an old dressing-gown to which he was particularly attached, switched on the electric fire, lit an Abdulla, threw himself into a cosy, spacious arm-chair, and dreamed dreams and builded castles in the air inside the swirling smoke-ring which floated and eddied up towards the ceiling, where they dissolved, and with them his castles.

Once again he lived every moment of the last few hours, remembered Bobbie's every action, every word she had spoken, and then wondered why. Man-like, he could not understand; only knew that he could still see her mouth, her eyes, her hair, her voice; could still hear her words echoing as she called to him when, in the arms of her partner, she mingled with the other dancers, "None but the brave deserve the fair." With a guilty start he recollected the voice of his Lady of the 'Phone.

His Lady of the 'Phone! What was she doing now, he wondered? Probably sound asleep, her golden hair a misty halo. That was how he pictured her, though why he credited her with golden hair he did not know. It was just his fancy, and with a wry smile he told himself that she very possibly had coal-black hair. Why did she not 'phone him up? Had he offended her that night she had rescued him, when he all but kissed her? Only her involuntary movement of repulse had brought him back to his senses. He had been sorry then, and his regret had not abated until—well, somehow he was glad that he had failed. It would not have been correct, and, besides, what would Bobbie say?

What would Bobbie say? Why should Bobbie say anything? Because he had had an interesting conversation with her that evening, because the one dance he had had with her had been heavenly, divine, why should she care much, what should it matter to her how many women he kissed? Yet he could not persuade himself that it was all his imagination that she had pressed his hand just slightly at the end of the dance. To him it was almost as if she were saying, "I am sorry this is to be our only dance. Why didn't you come earlier?"

Two little smoke-rings floated softly upwards, and as they drew together and expanded it was the face of Bobbie he saw—Bobbie, whom he had seen that night for the first time.

He shook himself mentally. It was

incredible that he should be thus dreaming in this manner. Besides he argued with himself, was he not already more than interested in his Lady of the 'Phone.

He smiled reminiscently. No, Bobbie was no more to him than just a woman, for were not his sensations tonight similar to those when he listened to the voice of his Lady of the 'Phone for the first time? It was merely that Bobbie's face, her figure, her personality, were real and beautiful, and that the voice of the one who telephoned him was more sweet than any other voice that he had ever heard, more musical and alive, and he admired each one for their particular charm, just as in the same way he could gaze delightedly, enthralled, at a picture or a work of art. It was the artist within him, not the man, who was raving thus.

His thoughts and visions became chaotic and hazy.

Bobbie was speaking with an American accent, and her face was covered with a thick veil, and as he snatched the veil off he saw only the face of Jean McTavish.

He sat up with startling suddenness. The telephone was ringing. He pulled the receiver towards him, while his heart beat a tattoo. Hoping against hope, knowing his optimism was futile, he wondered if it could be Bobbie.

"Hallo, hallo! Mr. Verrell?"

The accent was unmistakable. He did not know whether he was disappointed, pleased, or gratified, but if his sensibilities were biased, it was pleasure which he felt most. Once again he had fallen to the charm of the voice of his Lady of the 'Phone.

"Yes, this is Verrell speaking. Who is it?"

His only answer was a tantalizing laugh.

"Say, wouldn't you just like to know that now? I am the one you call your Lady of the 'Phone."

"You promised me you would ring me up soon," he reproached her.

"Yes, I know, but force of circumstances have prevented me. Have you been very disappointed?"

"I—I—" Something seemed to stick in his throat. He had been, but if he said that now he felt that he could not say it sincerely. "I have wondered whether anything had happened," he finished up.

There was a slight pause, and when she spoke it was as though she were disappointed.

"Is that all? Well, never mind, I will not embarrass you by asking. Tell me, how did you enjoy yourself tonight at Sir Allen Dunn's ball?"

"Good Gad!" he exploded. "Do you know my every movement?"

"Very nearly," she replied.

"You must be inhuman!" There was the slightest suspicion of moisture on his brows. Apparently this mysterious woman knew enough about him to incarcerate him for a very long period of his life if she should choose to. What would happen should he ever offend her? Would she turn out a "sport," or would she prove, indeed, that "there is no fury in hell like that of a woman scorned?"

"Not inhuman," she answered. "Merely interested in you."

"Why are you interested? How do you know what I am doing?"

Once again a tantalizing laugh.

"Why, say, Mr. Verrell, that's just one of my little secrets. Besides, I've told you before you must not ask me questions. You haven't told me how you got on tonight."

"Don't you think this conversation is a little one-sided? I may answer questions, but may not ask them," he said, rather piqued.

"When one has the whip-hand, it's just as well to take advantage of the fact, in case it is apt to be forgotten. If you indulge in leading a double life you must put up with the consequences."

"I thought that you had forgotten that. I had begun to hope that we might be friends. If you regard me as being merely useful to you as an outlet for your proclivity for wielding authority, why did you go to the risk of rescuing me the other night?" There was bitterness in his tone.

"My dear boy, that's just why. You are too useful to me now to let you get caught if it is within my power to help you escape. Why do you make me speak sarcastically?" Her voice softened. "I am your friend, Mr. Verrell, and I want you to be mine."

"Do you really?" he asked eagerly. "Then, please, please, let me see you again!"

"Tut, tut, Mr. Verrell! Where's your



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caution? You are going too fast for me. I can't keep up with you."

"You are playing with me," he muttered angrily.

Her voice became subtly apologetic. "I'm sorry, Mr. Verrell. Won't you forgive me?"

What man could withstand such allure. "You know I will," he answered readily.

"You are no longer cross with me?"

"No," he replied emphatically.

"Then tell me about the ball tonight."

"What am I to tell you? Do you want to know whether Lady Dalrymple's diamonds are of paste, or whether I discovered a good way of getting into J. W. Collins' flat, and helping myself to some of the ten thousand pounds in Bank of England notes which he boasts are always within his safe?"

"I guess that information is of more use to you than to me. Don't you understand I am a woman, and I want to know whom you met there, whether there were any beautiful women, what they wore, and so on."

He thought a moment, and then replied weakly: "I don't know."

"Don't know what?"

"Whether there were any beautiful ladies there, or what they wore."

There was a hint of laughter in her voice. "Don't know? What a curious man you are! For an enterprising—er—exponent of the art of breaking the Eighth and Tenth Commandments, you are singularly unobservant. Didn't you dance at all?"

"Only once or twice," he answered sheepishly.

"Well, with whom did you dance?"

"With Mrs. Winchart and Miss Dunn."

"So you danced with your hostess. What did you think of her?"

"Think of her? I know she is the most beautiful girl I have ever met. I think she dances more divinely than any one else. I believe that all the pagan gods and goddesses have come to earth in the shape of Miss Dunn. She is as beautiful as Aphrodite, as shapely as Venus, as enchanting as Helen of Troy."

He stopped short suddenly, as he realized that he was speaking his thoughts into the 'phone, and had laid bare what he meant only to dream.

"Hallo! Hallo!" he called, but there was no answer. He jangled the receiver. "Hallo!"

Faintly he heard her answer.

"Why, I thought we had become disconnected. You didn't answer"; and his voice rose slightly in a note of interrogation.

"I—I was thinking," she replied slowly. "I reckon that Miss Dunn has made a conquest."

Was there a tear in her voice? Somehow it seemed to him that there was, and he cursed himself for a fool. Here he was, babbling his secrets, revealing thoughts which he scarce knew were there at the bidding of someone whom he had seen but once, just because that someone had a voice which played upon his emotions, so that he became a slave to her wishes. Perhaps he had hurt his Lady of the 'Phone by his foolish babblings, and, man-like, he hastened to repair the damage.

"No, no," he asserted casually. "That's how Miss Dunn struck me, looking at her from the novelist's point of view. Of course, as an ordinary man, she appealed to me just as a splendid dancer."

Suddenly there was indignation, anger, in her voice. "Indeed, Mr. Novelist, so that is how you look upon women as a whole; first and foremost as a novelist, I suppose we are poor creatures to your super-critical vision. Indeed, Mr. Englishman, you pay us a fine compliment! I am sure pleased to think that an American man would never have dared to speak to one of my sex like you have."

He was overwhelmed by her wrath.

"I—you know—I—" he stammered.

"I don't mean that. You know very well that I—"

He stopped short. He could not say again that he did not mean what he had said, for then he would be in a worse position than before he had attempted to right the situation.

"Oh, hang it all," he concluded desperately, "you twist my words around so that now I don't know what I really did mean."

"Go on, Mr. Englishman, continue; blame it all on to the woman!" she mocked.

"Well, of course, if that is the opinion you entertain of me—" He stopped short, and, although she could not see the

shrug of his shoulders, she instinctively guessed that even if he had not actually performed the gesture she thought was there. She realized that she was taunting him a little too far.

"I am sorry, Mr. Verrell. You must forgive me, but it always annoys me to hear a man apparently running down my sex. Still, I forgive you. Now I suppose I must tell you the reason why I rang you up. I have, as a matter of fact, a little commission for you to do."

"This begins to sound interesting," he interrupted.

"It will be. First of all, I must confess that you are not the only one who breaks the Tenth Commandments, for undoubtedly I covet one of my neighbor's goods. There is a certain opal ring belonging to a friend of mine which I desire, and on Wednesday next you are to secure that for me. It will not be difficult, for, to my certain knowledge, there will be no one who can say 'nay.'"

He caught the hidden meaning in her words, and realized that what she meant to express was that the house would be empty.

"That sounds ridiculously easy. It's almost like taking money from a blind man. Tell me where I am to secure this ring, and how I am to send it to you."

"You are quite confident of securing it, then?"

"I should hope so," he replied.

"Then here is the information you require. The ring belongs to Miss Dunn."

Verrell heard the words with a sinking sensation in the pit of his stomach. So that was why she had been so curious about Bobbie.

"I can't do it! I can't do it!" he cried in an agonized voice.

"Why not," she queried sharply.

"Because—because—"

"Because she is as beautiful as Aphrodite, as shapely as Venus! No, I am forgetting, she is no more to you than a good dancer," mocked his Lady of the Phone.

Verrell gritted his teeth. He had, indeed, let himself into a trap by his ruthless betrayal of his inner mind, and his subsequent denial. He did not attempt to cope with her insinuations, but contented himself with a mere refusal. "I'm sorry, but I can't do it."

"I regret to say, Mr. Verrell, that you must."

There was a dangerous calm in her voice. She was cracking her whip now, and Verrell was feeling its lash.

"And if I refuse?" he queried.

"Mr. Marshall will at last achieve his ambition, and the identity of Blackshirt will no longer be a secret, and doubtless Mr. Richard Verrell will learn for the first time exactly how skilfully tastes."

Verrell knew he was defeated. While he was not quite certain that she would indeed carry out her threat, there was the possibility that he might be mistaken, and he had never felt a greater incentive to retain his liberty than he did now. He was conscious that with the first breath of possible imprisonment his interest in life was greater than ever before. In his adventurous life he had faced risks of this kind several times, but before had just shrugged his shoulders, ready to accept philosophically such punishment as would be meted out to him, aware that it was his own fault, cognizant of the fact that they who run counter to the law must expect sooner or later to feel its long arm and the heavy hand of justice.

Undoubtedly, refusal to comply with the demands of his Lady of the Phone would see the end of the career of Blackshirt, the conclusion of the success of Richard Verrell, novelist. As a last resource he pleaded with her, but she was adamant.

"Please say no more," she said at length. "It is useless. I have made up my mind that you are to secure that ring. It is either that ring or a visit from Marshall. You must choose."

So Verrell, sick at heart, chose the easier course, determined, if he should ever have the opportunity, to make up a hundred-fold for the crime he was, perforce, to commit.

A bright moon, undisturbed even by fleeting clouds, bathed London in a pure silvery gleam, casting a spirit of romance upon the blackening, smoky buildings, lighting up its fairest aspects, and concealing in its shadow that which is best unseen.

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It was a night to make the poet sharpen his pencil, the painter to soften his brush in the turpentine; but Blackshirt, en route to Sir Allen Dunn's house in Maybrick Avenue, cursed softly at the revealing radiance of the moon, for it would make his work of securing an entry into the house more difficult.

It was not so much that he did not know how to get in, for twice before he had entered the house in his present capacity. The drawback was not to be seen getting there.

Dressed as usual, in evening clothes, with opera hat and silk muffler round his neck to conceal his black shirt underneath, he would excite no interest walking through the streets, but even a gentleman cannot go unchallenged if seen entering a house by the unorthodox way of climbing up a spout and slipping the catch of a window.

The air was chilly, but, though his brisk, athletic walk warmed his blood, mentally he remained cold. For the first time in his career he had no interest in what he was about to do; in fact, on the contrary, he was disgusted with himself, but there was no alternative. It was either do as his Lady of the 'Phone demanded, or else Marshall would be put upon his trail.

Arriving at the bottom of Maybrick Avenue, he halted and cast his glance towards the house which was his ultimate destination, and much to his surprise noticed that slowly passing before it was a policeman.

This was not such a contretemps as might be imagined, for obviously a policeman must patrol every portion of his beat at least once during the night, and he knew that it was only a matter of time when the street would be clear once again. If anything, he was rather pleased at the sight, for it meant that, once the constable had moved away, the coast would be clear for some time. It was therefore, just a matter of waiting.

The policeman was looking the other way, and, taking advantage of the fact, Blackshirt vaulted a low wall and crouched down the other side.

In the still air the sound of the constable's footsteps rang echoing along the street, and Blackshirt heard him coming slowly but surely down the road towards the place where he was hiding at the moment.

Nearer and nearer approached the steps, until the man was, so Blackshirt judged, a matter of three or four yards away. Suddenly they halted, and then they turned round and retreated.

Blackshirt sighed with relief. In another moment he would probably cease to hear them, and he could go forward with his job.

He was almost within an ace of stretching himself when he became conscious that the policeman had turned again, and was once more returning on his beat.

Blackshirt cursed softly beneath his breath.

This meant another delay, and already he was becoming chilled.

Once again the man drew nearer, till he was practically level with the place where Blackshirt hid, then stopped.

Blackshirt held his breath. Was the policeman suspicious, he wondered? Had he been seen jumping over the wall? There was the sound of thrashing arms. The policeman was warming himself up. Then Blackshirt heard the other clear his throat and spit. Apparently he was quite unsuspecting that there was any one near.

A few seconds silence, and then back again he turned once more, marching towards Sir Allen Dunn's house.

Blackshirt guessed what had happened. Sir Allen Dunn had informed the police of his absence and asked them to keep a friendly eye on the house. In this case it meant check to Blackshirt's plans, but at this sudden obstacle the interest which up to the moment had been lacking returned in full force, and his eyes sparkled. Here was a game which was indeed worthy of him—to enter a house guarded by a forewarned constable. Just how he was to do it, however, was not at the moment quite clear.

The policeman was now some way away, and Blackshirt stretched out his legs, which were becoming cramped. He trod on a dry twig, and it snapped with an alarming noise.

Simultaneously with the start it caused Blackshirt, he became conscious that the

germ of a plan to lure the policeman away from Sir Allen's house was fermenting.

He felt on the ground, and there was the faintest rustling as his fingers swept through the fallen leaves and pieces of twig from one of the plane trees which lined the avenue. In another second he had collected a small pile, but in the meantime he heard the policeman returning.

The same performance was repeated over again. A minute's warm, a gargle and a spit, and the constable was off again.

Blackshirt chuckled to himself. The man's very methodicalness, instilled into him by his training, was to be of assistance to Blackshirt in achieving his object.

This business went on for some time, and gradually the pile of leaves and twigs grew higher and higher, although each time Blackshirt had to move farther afield; but this he could do with comparative safety, for the policeman's footsteps echoed along the street as regularly as clockwork.

Soon the pile was high enough. Cautiously raising his head above the wall, Blackshirt watched the unsuspecting constable until he judged the time was ripe.

Back again came the policeman to where Blackshirt lay waiting, and just to prove that he was capable of changing his tune, P.C. XY168 blew his nose instead of expectorating. Once again he turned. A dozen steps he had gone when Blackshirt put his plan to the test.

Pulling matches from his pocket, he struck one and plunged it into the heap of leaves, then, like a silent shadow, flit across the road, where he leaped a wall and hid, awaiting further action. It was not long in coming, for by the time the policeman had turned around the flames were mounting high. Up the road the constable broke into a run.

By the time P.C. XY168 had arrived the bonfire was raging like a small inferno.

With the whistle at his lips, the policeman paused as he saw that the fire was not serious. He replaced the whistle, and with his heavy boots scattered the burning matter and trampled it out; but by the time the conflagration was dead Blackshirt had achieved his object—had once again crossed the road into the small front garden of Sir Allen Dunn's house, round to the back, up the drain-pipe, and in the window he had entered that memorable night when he had returned Sir Allen's rope of pearls at the command of his Lady of the 'Phone.

He had nothing to fear now, for if he had read aright the words of his Lady of the 'Phone, the house was empty. He had, therefore, at least two hours to secure the ring and make his departure with no one to disturb him, or, as she had so aptly put it, "No one to say him nay."

Notwithstanding this, however, he wore his usual black mask, for it was to his extreme caution under all circumstances that Blackshirt credited himself with his success in keeping clear of the clutches of the law.

Bobbie's jewels, amongst which was the opal ring he had come to secure, were, according to his Lady of the 'Phone, locked away in a small ebony cabinet which ordinarily resided on Bobbie's dressing table.

Why Sir Allen and his daughter had left the house empty and yet left the jewel-case behind, full of jewels, was a point which Blackshirt could not satisfactorily solve, and which had been worrying him ever since he received the command to secure the ring. He could not conceive that any one would be so rash as to do this; yet, if his information were correct, undoubtedly this had been done. If it were not for the fact that the jewellery belonged to Bobbie, Blackshirt almost had it in his mind to help himself to all he could find to punish Sir Allen for such crass stupidity.

The point which dinned itself into his mind, however, was that they were not Sir Allen's but that they belonged to Bobbie, and were therefore sacred, and not to be touched by his hands—with the exception, of course, of the ring.

He felt he would never forgive himself for this night's work, and already the interest which he had felt in overcoming the constable's tenacity in patrolling the front of Sir Allen's house had worn off.

Bobbie's room, he had been told, was on the floor which he had entered, and was just to the right of the stairs. From his pocket he pulled his electric torch, and played its tiny beam of light up and down, till he had photographed the

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geography of the floor on his memory.

He crossed the small hall. Turning the handle of the door, he found himself within Bobbie's bedroom.

Here, on the threshold, he halted. There was something almost sacrilegious in entering her room like this. There still lingered the scent of her perfume, which he sniffed with delight, for it brought back memories of when he had danced with her at her coming-of-age ball.

"Like a thief in the night." It came home to him now that that was all he was. So great was his emotion that he well-nigh withdrew, but his pride urged him forward. He had promised to secure the ring, and, even though he had only given his word involuntarily, under penalty of being exposed to the police, he could not withdraw. He had come so far, and he must finish his work. His glance shifted round the shadowy room, lit but barely by the moonbeams shining through the drawn window-curtains.

Away in the far corner he caught a glimpse of a large four-poster bed, but as swiftly he dropped his eyes in the sudden rush of modesty which assailed him. There was something magical in his nearness to it, something which set his pulses throbbing, and yet at the same time made him feel an utter cad. For the first time in his life he began to hate himself and his work, and a stirring to drop it all came over him, a feeling which was to gain strength as the future days went by. It was the second call of his better self.

The first call came when he emerged from youth into manhood, when he became disgusted with his environment and determined to better himself. This he had done, but the excitement of crime called him still, and, though he was now rich with the royalties earned by his books, he had not given up his criminal career.

Now the second call from his soul, his conscience, informing him that he could still better himself, that fame, wealth, position, all were his, but that he was still, nevertheless, but a criminal; that he was of the same fraternity as "Sniffy" Tompkins. He found, too, that all these unbidden thoughts came because he had invaded the private sanctum of a girl he had seen but once, yet one whom he could not drive from his memory.

He sighed softly, and then, as his glance rested on the black ebony casket in which Bobbie's jewels were supposed to be locked, he banished these fleeting thoughts and concentrated on the business in hand.

With soft, wary footsteps he crossed the room, as though the house were full of people rather than being empty, and with the aid of his flash-lamp thoroughly examined the lock of the casket, and smiled at the simplicity of it. He would not need any special tools; he felt quite capable of opening it with a hair-pin, which he noticed lying by its side.

There was a small reflected gleam on the right, and as Blackshirt swirled the torch, so that the light played upon it, he discovered that it was cast by the glass protecting a tiny miniature portrait in watercolors.

He whistled softly, and his eyes gleamed brightly, for gazing up at him, her sweet glance true to life, was Bobbie.

Struck by her beauty, the artist must have excelled himself, for the likeness was perfect—almost uncannily so; it was as though one was looking at Bobbie herself through the wrong end of a telescope. He caught even the expression of her eyes; an expression which had impressed itself upon Blackshirt, for it was one which contained a soupçon of humor, of romance, of dare-devilment.

For a full two minutes he gazed at the miniature, enthralled by its semblance to its subject.

He was about to replace it when a daring thought crossed his mind. As he was there for the purpose of helping himself to Bobbie's goods, why should he not take away with him this picture? Already in his mind's eye he saw it in his room, glimpsed the exact place where it should stand. He smiled cynically as it occurred to him that the idea smacked of Lyceum melodrama, but he shrugged his shoulders. If he chose to take the picture, why not? In the words of his Lady of the 'Phone there was no one to say him "nay." His valet was a model of discretion.

Tenderly he dropped it into his pocket, and, this done, turned his attention to the tiny cabinet, and in another second there was the sound of a click. It did not take him long to find the ring. It was just one single opal, twinkling with hidden fires, and gleaming wickedly. He called to mind the superstition concerning opals, and as he did so—

"How much longer are you going to be, may I ask?"

With a lightning-like movement he whirled around, the room being flooded with light almost before he had discovered that the voice came from someone who was sitting up in the four-poster bed, before which he had dropped his eyes in modesty.

His eyes confirmed what his ears informed him was the cruel truth. Looking at him with curious but strangely calm eyes was Bobbie.

The first thought that occurred to his mind was that, after all, his suspicions had not played him false. His inward suggestion that any one in their right senses would not leave their jewels behind in an empty house was, indeed, too correct.

The solution of the riddle was absurdly easy.

When his babbling lips had involuntarily betrayed the train of his thoughts his Lady of the 'Phone had become insanely jealous—why, he knew not—and deliberately led him into a trap and betrayed him. Perhaps Bobbie knew he was coming, had been warned to expect him, for otherwise how came she to be holding the revolver which pointed with much unhesitating directness at him?

"Would you please hold your hands above your head instead of gazing at me like a half-witted fool?"

He shook his head slowly.

"Madam," he said, "there is no necessity. I assure you I am unarmed."

She lifted her eyebrows, "Do you expect me to believe the words of a thief?"

Again he heard himself called a thief, and it was not any the less bitter for its repetition.

He winced beneath the scorn in her voice, but nevertheless resolved upon a bold stroke. He had not forgotten what she had said about Blackshirt the other evening, and that in a sense she admired him. He hoped that by announcing his identity he would arouse her interest, and thus, perhaps, bring to a successful conclusion the plan which he was already turning over in his mind for his escape.

Raising his hands above his head in pursuance of his plan, he said: "Were I to tell you my name, madam, I do not think that you would have any reason for doubting my word."

"Really?" replied Bobbie. "This sounds very interesting. And may I ask what is your name?"

"Madam," he replied, temporizing, "my name is known only to myself, but I have a pseudonym by which I am better known to the world at large."

"And that?"

"Blackshirt!" he announced dramatically.

If he had expected her to show any signs of amazement and incredulity he was disappointed. Her face was absolutely expressionless as she said:

"So I have already guessed."

"You have guessed?" he interrogated in a surprised tone.

She smiled. "There is only one who goes about at this time of night dressed in evening-dress clothes, with a black mask and a black shirt, which I see peeping beneath your silk scarf, and black gloves."

"I ought to be gratified that you know so much about me."

You have indeed, then, a queer sense of humor, if you are pleased that your misdeeds are published at much length."

Again the unmistakable scorn, and Blackshirt shivered at the thought of her ever discovering that Richard Verrell was the notorious criminal.

Whilst this conversation had been going on, he had been studying her with quiet intensity, and he choked down a little lump in his throat as the thought occurred to him that never again might he see a more beautiful sight than that of Bobbie, clad in the daintiest of silks, her glorious auburn tresses rippling down and spreading over the snowy whiteness of the pillow. Even though he were in a position which, to say the least of it, was precarious, his one thought was of her, and not what might happen to him. His arms were beginning to feel tired, but he dared not show this in case she, in her compassion, caused him to lower them, which was not what he wanted.

"It's queer I don't recognize your voice," she said musingly.

"Why should you?"

"Do not the newspapers report that you move in our circle?"

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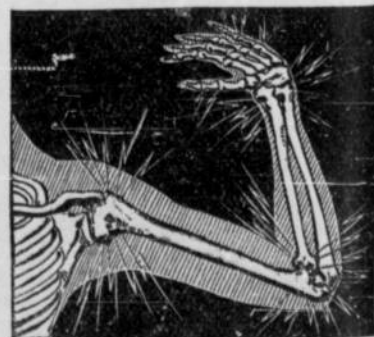
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"Then you will not tell me whether you have met me or not?"

"Should a man be convicted out of his own mouth, madam?"

"Perhaps not," she replied. "Yet there is something undoubtedly reminiscent in your voice; though I understand from a friend of mine that you usually disguise it."

"Your friend is right, madam."

For a moment there was silence, then she quickly glanced down at her revolver and back into his face again, and the significance was unmistakable.

"Do you know, Mr. Blackshirt, that I have a great temptation to ask you to kindly remove your mask so that I may have the pleasure of recognizing you?"

Somehow or other he had been expecting this, and it was for this reason that he had been gradually moving towards the centre of the room so cautiously, so carefully, that she did not notice the fact.

"I regret, madam, that I should refuse if you asked me."

"Then I should force you."

Again the significant look at the revolver.

"Madam," he replied softly, "that would be impossible."

"Impossible!" she laughed. "And why?"

"My friend at the window," he murmured.

Instinctively her glance flashed round, and in that moment Blackshirt stepped forward, and, seizing in his right hand the single electric globe which lit up the room, he crushed it into smithereens within his fingers, and the room was plunged into darkness. Immediately he dropped to the floor, and before she had time to fire he flung himself forward, put his arms around her, and wrenched the revolver from her grasp.

For a moment she lay captive in his grasp, and in that second the blood mounted to his head, and he became temporarily insane, for he leaned down and brushed his lips against hers. The next second he had gone.

P.C. XY168 came to the end of his beat. There was the sound of thrashing arms. The policeman was warming himself up. Then he cleared his throat and spat.

"How the hell did that fire light itself?" he murmured for the fourth time.

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## The Nervous Child

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emotions of the moment but only by reason and a sense of right, not ignorant of the difficulties to be met with, but practiced and equipped to overcome them. Education comprises physical, mental and moral training. Great intellectual activity and moral power, harbored in a weak body, is no argument to disprove the general rule that a healthy, vigorous physique is the only sure foundation upon which to build highly developed intellect and a stable temperament. The boy of fine physique may have many faults. He may be bad tempered, untruthful, or selfish, but these are the more primitive type of failings, and are more easily eradicated than those which spring from timidity, instability, and moral flabbiness which so often develop in the delicate child reared softly in mind and body. Physical training includes manual dexterity. To excel in some manual handicraft not only bespeaks the possession of self-control but helps directly to cultivate it, and this is of supreme importance to the nervous child.

## Liberal-Progressive Position

When parliament assembled at Ottawa the Liberal-Progressive group organized for the session, appointing J. A. Glen, member for Marquette, as chairman and L. P. Bancroft, Selkirk, as whip. These, together with J. L. Brown, Lisgar; John Millar, Qu'Appelle, and J. W. King, North Huron, form the executive of the group. They will confer with the government and with other western groups regarding the work of the session.

Following a statement in the press, on December 11, to the effect that Premier King and his cabinet had met

the rank and file of the Liberal party and with the nine Liberal-Progressives "who entered the Liberal camp with their leader of last session, Robert Forke," Mr. J. L. Brown rose to a question of privilege on the Orders of the Day, on Monday, December 13, and read a statement issued by the Liberal-Progressives at the time when Mr. Forke went into the cabinet. This seemed to clear up the situation as far as the members of the House were concerned, but there seems still to be some misunderstanding throughout the country.

The following is the resolution, passed by the Liberal-Progressive members for Manitoba at their meeting in Winnipeg, when the entrance of Mr. Forke into the cabinet was discussed, and which was read in the House by Mr. Brown:

"It was recognized that the country had demanded a stable government and the group are anxious to comply with that demand.

"That the policies upon which the Progressives and Liberals were elected are based upon common principles.

"That for the enactment of legislation embodying those policies the group are in favor of the acceptance of a portfolio by Mr. Forke in the Liberal cabinet.

"That such acceptance shall be upon condition that the Progressive party shall give united support to the government upon those principles, and that the Progressive group shall retain its identity as hitherto."

This resolution was unanimously agreed to.

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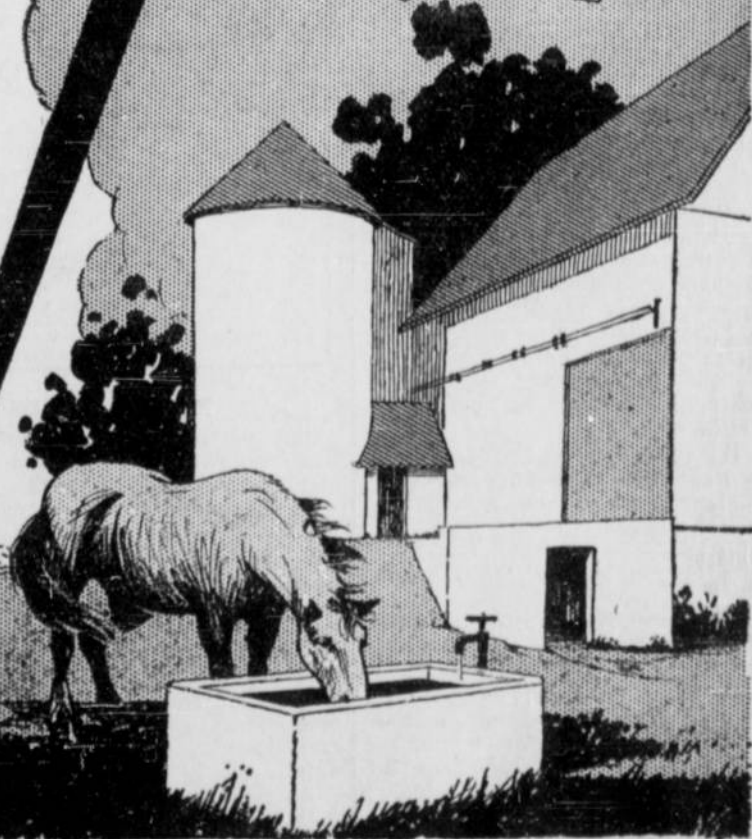
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As these two little rascals were going over the hill road close to the vinegar mill, they ran into Spiketooth,

a very fierce bulldog belonging to Old Man Grouch. Spiketooth is short-sighted, which means that he can't see things which aren't right under his nose. Fact is, that's how his nose came to be dubbed off so short.

When Spiketooth saw Tiny walking along with the wee man on the hill road he mistook him for a cat and thought his trunk was a thick tail. You know how a cat's tail gets thick when he gets excited. So Spiketooth charged at the two little wanderers and they fled for their lives. The only thing that saved them was a hole in the wall which took the dog some little time to wiggle through.

A life saver! A rope! Nicky was so scared that he didn't look closely but

clambered up as fast as he could, calling to Tiny to follow. Good gracious. Their refuge moved! It was Farmer Barley's spotted cow. It ran and bellowed. And the faster the cow ran, the louder the bulldog hissed and growled through his saw tooth jaws. And the more the dog growled, the faster the cow ran.

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## Manitoba's Unused Lands

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five-year period. Rural population in-  
creased at about the same rate, but in  
the southwest corner of the province the  
rural population of Brandon de-  
creased over 4 per cent., and the rural  
population of Souris decreased over 6  
per cent. in the five-year period. The  
reasons for this decrease were partly  
farm consolidation and partly to un-  
favorable crop conditions.

"These districts, however, have in  
the last five years staged a complete  
come-back. Slight changes have been  
made in the methods of farming. Some  
land has been recognized as submargi-  
nal and remains out of cultivation, and  
the weather conditions have been a little  
more favorable, so that this corner has  
again become the garden of Manitoba,  
and its population shows an increase  
of nearly 5 per cent. in the last five  
years. Other areas further north, which  
in the previous periods have seen tre-  
mendous increase of population are at  
present passing through the same stages.  
Portage la Prairie, which now includes  
a great part of the district between the  
lakes, shows a decrease of 4½ per cent.,  
Dauphin shows a decrease of 3½ per  
cent., Neepawa a decrease of over 6  
per cent. None of the rest of the province  
shows any considerable increase  
with the exception of Marquette, Spring-  
field and Nelson.

"Our investigation would lead us to  
believe that this is a passing phase in  
these areas also and that with the  
proper handling prosperity and greater  
population will again be seen. It may  
mean drastic changes in the methods  
of farming, it may mean temporary  
government assistance, and it will cer-  
tainly mean that such attempts as are  
made to re-populate the abandoned  
lands will have to be, as we have al-  
ready indicated, carefully directed and  
controlled by responsible parties, for  
only by such means can we avoid a  
repetition of the errors, costly to both  
the individual settlers and the province  
at large.

That we have a considerable amount  
of land capable of being economically  
developed at the present time is cer-  
tainly true, but the success of the  
settler will depend upon not only the  
successful policies of assisted settle-  
ment, but upon the intelligent and  
active co-operation of those who are  
interested in the sale of land, of the  
provincial department of agriculture  
and immigration and of the local  
authorities in whose interest it is that  
these unused lands should be developed.  
Just what form this co-operation  
should take is not for us to say, but  
without this co-operation we are liable  
to make the same mistakes as have  
been made before and so lose human  
resources and natural resources that  
we cannot afford to lose.

## Five Days of Parliament

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against him. His statements of fact are  
generally as erring as if they came  
from Mr. Meighen himself. He will,  
however, make them less obtrusive on  
account of his softness of tone. The  
party would have been further ahead  
if he had led in 1925. Last session was  
a disturbing one for the legions of  
Toryism. Young men may be coming  
up among the party, but no new figure  
so far occupies a prominent place in the  
scene.

### The Gentleman of the Right

To the right there is little change.  
Mr. King is really on the job this ses-  
sion—his light was  
observed for a good  
part of the last one.  
In formal speech  
the leader of the  
Liberal party suffers  
from excess pro-  
lixity. I never see  
him rushing up to  
the battle without  
thinking of a  
C.P.R. train with  
two engines coming  
up the grade at  
Field, B.C. There  
is a lot of power  
there—it is clearly  
in evidence. You  
realize that fact,  
but there is a lot of  
puffing, especially  
on the curves.

Where a Laurier would skip from head-  
land to headland, King hugs the shore  
and looks for shell fish as he goes along.  
Almost always he proves too much.  
Dunning is making good progress. Many  
thought he would have too much of the  
chip-on-the-shoulder attitude, but if  
the chip is there he does not point to  
it and call for a scrap. Robb is a  
more or less dominant figure on that side  
of the House. He is perhaps the most  
conservative man in parliament. He  
suffers from a fundamental abhorrence  
of change. To him the ideal situation  
would be order and steady progress  
along definite lines, but marked by  
extremes of stability at all times. It  
is said that during the first day of the  
session an Ontario Liberal who sat in  
the House remarked to his desk-mate, as  
Robb entered the chamber, "there goes  
the man who fought the hardest against  
the Robb budget." That may be true  
or not, but at least he stood up for it  
when it was brought down.

### A New Leader

The transfer of Robert Forke into  
the government fold has brought for-  
ward a new leader in the House. Hon.  
Robert Gardiner, member for Acadia,  
is now chairman of the U.F.A. group.  
They did not select their greatest orator  
for the task. E. J. Garland is the  
artist in words for that section of the  
House—in fact looms up well over the  
whole field, but Gardiner is a man of  
sound judgement. He has opinions of  
his own, but is not pig-headed beyond  
reason. No man of the group is more  
capable of helping these indefatigables  
to get somewhere. He makes an ideal  
chairman. He has the capacity to syn-  
thesize the group thought and help  
evolve from diverse minds a reasonable  
course of action.

### The Oratorical Flow

In the House this year the speaking

has not been of a high order. Guthrie's  
effort was marred by fatal omissions of  
facts and cruel misrepresentations of  
conditions. There is excuse for him.  
His digestion is suffering from the left-  
overs from the Meighen point of view.  
That will not stay with him. I ven-  
ture that the session will see the end  
of the "blue ruin" cry, the whisper of  
death, and the twisting of statistics  
to prove that we are commercially  
damned. He told us that Great Britain  
was the only country with which we  
had a favorable trade balance. That  
statement is so far from the truth that  
even an aeroplane  
could not cover the  
distance in weeks.  
If he had said that  
the United States  
was the only coun-  
try with which we  
had an unfavorable  
balance, then he  
would have been  
reasonably correct,  
but even that would  
be open to question  
if the tourist trade  
were taken into  
account.

That this point  
may be made clear  
let us examine the  
position by contin-  
ents during the  
years 1924 and 1926.

### Canada's Trade

Continents	Imports for Consumption 1924	Exports Canadian 1926
Europe:		
United Kingdom	153.6	163.7
Other Europe	48.3	59.7
North America:		
United States	601.2	609.8
Other N. America	39.8	34.9
South America	16.8	17.1
Asia	30.4	32.7
Oceania	3.5	8.7
Africa	0.8	10.1

The figures are in millions of dollars in each case.

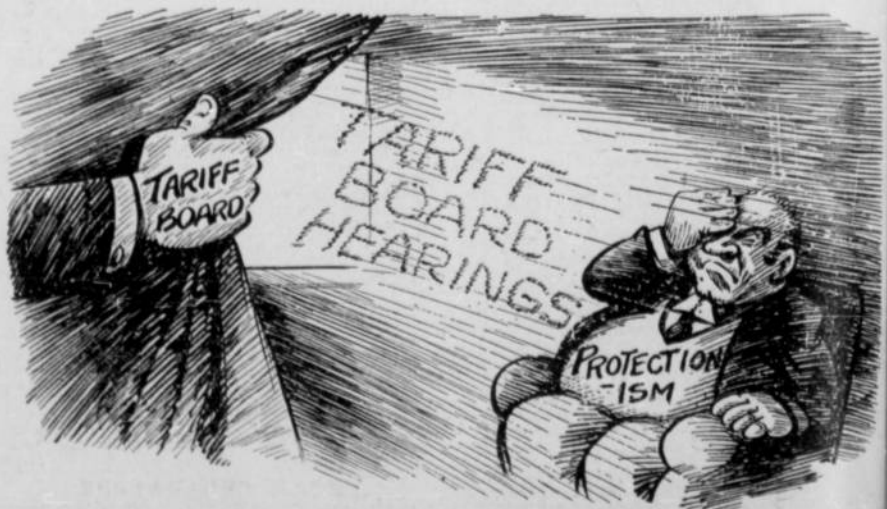
Now how could any man examine  
these figures and then state openly in  
parliament that we had a favorable  
trade balance (excess of exports over  
imports with only one country). It is  
interesting to note that the United  
States, the ideal protectionists's heaven,  
had unfavorable balances with South  
America, Asia and Africa.

Of course it is not so important  
whether our balance is favorable or  
unfavorable. Far too much emphasis  
is laid upon trade balances but so long  
as one party or one party leader per-  
sists in making statements that are  
wholly absurd it cramps the effort of  
the opposing party and drifts the whole  
discussion into the consideration of  
things which, after all, really matter  
little. The individual himself must de-  
cide whether or not it pays him to  
purchase in Canada, Hong Kong or  
South Africa. That is what he would  
do if it were not for the restrictionists.  
Can there be anything under heaven  
and over earth more absurd than  
Guthrie, a King or any other gentle-  
man sitting down in Ottawa and de-  
ciding that in the interest of Canada  
the reader of this story must buy boots  
in Kitchener instead of Northampton.

The strange thing of all this is that  
the Liberals in debate always prove the  
Tory error—then sternly refuse to



Parliament needs men who are willing to study



The Tariff Board is letting in too much light—for some people.



follow their own conclusions. It is a simple matter to point out that nearly every country except Canada has raised its tariff since the close of the war, to add the cogent fact that Canada has made far more rapid development in National trade than any other country in the world, to defend in essence the tariff reductions so far made and then to take a solemn mental resolution never to make any more. That is apparently the situation that we have in the House.

#### What Parliament Needs

Five days of the present session have convinced me that a great many of the members of the House of Commons ought to catch the spirit of the vaudeville actor. There is real training in that field. Watch the performer as he or she piroettes through the dance. See with what skill that acrobat balances on the slack wire or handles big balls

with his feet while he plays the violin with his hands. It took tremendous practice to acquire that skill. There are probably few men in the House who have given as much time to the study of national problems as these men and women from vaudeville, the land of mimicry and mimes, have given to a single act of their repertoire. Parliament needs students—not men who jump to conclusions or base convictions on a passing whim. It needs men who are willing to study—to pay the price through painful, long, laborious effort to find the truth. If they are not willing to do this, why are they sent to parliament? I ask the question, but it must remain unanswered. Maybe the sphinx could tell—but it won't. Perhaps the wild waves hold the secret and that's what makes them wild, but if you ask me the question I can only answer, I do not know, nor do I know any person who does.

## Market News and Notes

#### The Wheat Position

It is now becoming apparent that some of the estimates of the wheat crop of the West have been altogether too high. The Northwest Grain Dealers' Association has reduced its estimate to 371,000,000 bushels or about 10,000,000 bushels below the last Bureau of Statistics estimate and over 30,000,000 less than the estimate issued a few weeks ago by the president of the C.P.R. In addition some of the wheat will not be of exportable quality. The carry over from last year's crop was 35,000,000 bushels and the production in Eastern Canada 21,000,000 bushels, giving a total of 427,000,000 bushels in Canada on August 1. 137,000,000 bushels have been exported and 100,000,000 bushels will be needed for seed, feed and to cover waste. This gives an estimated surplus in the country at the first of the year of 180,000,000 bushels though some of this may not be of exportable quality.

The yields in Argentina and Australia are apparently warranting the optimism that has been evident and large quantities are being ordered by European buyers. There is also a possibility, it is said, that Russia will have around 50,000,000 bushels for export.

The farmers of Western Canada had marketed 267,000,000 bushels of this year's crop by Christmas. Vancouver had received 15,117,907 bushels up to that time and had shipped out 9,585,179 bushels. On December 27, December wheat closed in Winnipeg, at 134, compared with 140½ at Chicago and 141½ at Minneapolis.

#### American and Canadian Flour Exports

For the first time American flour exports have been exceeded by those of Canada which, though over a million barrels less than 1923-4, reached nearly 11,000,000 barrels. Nearly 3,000,000 barrels of American flour exports were made from Canadian wheat milled in bond. Hence over two-thirds of the flour exported from North America was ground from Canadian wheat. Imports into the United States for milling in bond amounted to 13,500,000 bushels. Imports for domestic consumption, paying a duty of 42 cents a bushel, was less than 2,000,000 bushels.

Exports of flour from the United States for the last grain year was the smallest in any year since the war, being less than 10,000,000 barrels, compared with over 22,000,000 barrels in 1919-20.

#### Winnipeg Grain Market

Cash quotations at close of market December 27.

Wheat		Flax	
1 Nor.....	137	1 N.W.C.....	189
2 Nor.....	134	2 C.W.....	185
3 Nor.....	126	3 C.W.....	163
4.....	117	Rejected.....	158
5.....	104		
6.....	88		
Feed.....	79		
1 Red Durum.....	119		
2 Red Durum.....	117		
Oats		Rye	
2 C.W.....	57	2 C.W.....	94
3 C.W.....	54		
Ex. 1 feed.....	54		
1 Feed.....	52		
2 Feed.....	46		
Barley		Futures	
3 C.W.....	64	Dec. wheat.....	134
4 C.W.....	60	May wheat.....	136
Rejected.....	56	July wheat.....	135
Feed.....	55	Dec. oats.....	57
		May oats.....	59
		July oats.....	58
		Dec. barley.....	64
		May barley.....	68
		Dec. flax.....	189
		May flax.....	196
		Dec. rye.....	94
		May rye.....	99

#### Livestock Quotations

	Winnipeg Dec. 27	Calgary Dec. 27
Steers:		
Choice.....	\$6.00-\$6.25	\$5.00-\$5.50
Fair to good.....	5.25-5.75	4.00-4.25
Medium.....	4.75-5.00	3.25-4.75
Common.....	4.00-4.50	
Choice feeders.....	4.75-5.00	4.00-4.50
Fair to good.....	3.75-4.00	3.00-3.50
Choice stockers.....	4.25-4.50	
Fair to good.....	3.00-4.00	
Heifers:		
Choice butcher.....	5.75-6.00	4.75-5.50
Fair to good.....	4.00-5.50	2.50-3.25
Choice stockers.....	3.50-3.75	3.00-3.75
Fair to good.....	2.75-3.25	
Cows:		
Choice butcher.....	4.50-4.75	3.50-4.00
Fair to good.....	3.50-4.25	2.50-3.25
Canners and cutters.....	2.00-2.75	2.00-2.50
Calves:		
Choice.....	9.00-10.00	
Good.....	6.00-8.00	2.00-4.00
Common.....	3.00-5.00	
Sheep:		
Fair to good.....	5.50-7.00	
Lambs:		
Fair to good.....	8.50-9.50	
Hogs:		
Selects.....	\$11.66	
Thick smooths.....	10.60	
Heavies.....	10.10	
Lights.....	10.5	

#### U.S. Imports Milk and Cream

Counsel representing wholesale milk and cream dealers of New York and Boston appearing before the Senate Committee on Agriculture, at Washington, insisted that the Taber-Lenroot bill imposing severe sanitary restrictions on milk and cream

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imported from Canada was not a health measure, but was designed to put into effect an embargo on imports. Special objection was raised to the proposed regulations requiring pasteurization of milk at point of production. It was declared that the real purpose of the bill was to force dealers in New York and Boston to buy milk and cream produced in the Western States rather than from Canadian producers. In the meantime, it is interesting to note that the United States continues to absorb most of Canada's surplus cream and fresh milk, according to government statistics. During the month of November, Canada exported to the United States 351,881 gallons of cream, valued at \$664,406, and 456,749 gallons of fresh milk, valued at \$91,724. This is an increase in exports to that country over November, 1925, of 105,330 gallons of cream and 73,705 gallons of milk.

#### Wool Grading

Thirteen years ago wool was not officially graded in Canada. Just before the war, however, the Dominion Livestock Branch established Canadian grades for wool and from then on improvement in the quality of wool was noted.

Improvement has been remarkable. According to the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, which has always handled wool on a graded basis, the difference in value between a dirty fleece and one that is reasonably free of foreign material, is easily 25 per cent. It is this better care today, largely the result of grading, which has re-established confidence on the world's market in the Canadian product and, what is of still more importance to the actual producer, has kept wool values today averaging better than 50 per cent. above the pre-war level.

#### B.C. Growers' Selling Plans

The tree fruit growers of B.C. are discussing plans for bringing producers who sell outside the organizations and thereby work against the organized producers, into line. Three plans have been discussed. One is for the enactment of legislation making it obligatory for all growers of tree fruits to ship through one organization. Another is a plan for the formation of a central selling agency with which all shippers must be affiliated, and the third is for the creation of a board of control along the lines adopted in the dairy and meat control boards of New Zealand. These plans will be discussed at the meeting of the fruit growers in January.

#### Quebec Grain Shipments

The port of Quebec did a record business in grain this season, according to a report of the Quebec Harbor Commissioners, and it is predicted that shipments of all merchandise will be found of record proportions at the close of the season. November's sailings were 140 vessels inbound and 139 outbound as compared with last year's 108 and 107. Grain shipments ran to around 9,000,000 bushels; coal to about 50,000 tons; asbestos to about 15,000 tons; general merchandise to about 9,500 tons, and British Columbia fir to 275,000 feet.

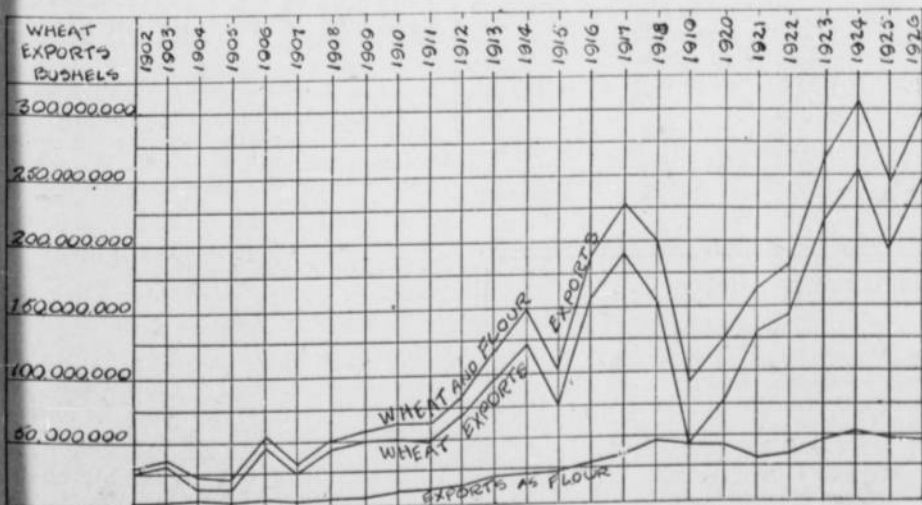
#### Uncle Sam as a Banker

At the end of 1924, the amount of Government Guaranteed obligations on investments made by Americans abroad was \$3,849,000,000, divided as follows: Canada and Newfoundland, \$1,060,000,000; Latin America, \$840,000,000; Europe, \$1,500,000,000, and Asia and Oceania, \$440,000,000.

The value of industrial securities and direct investments of Americans held abroad was \$5,250,000,000, divided as follows: Canada and Newfoundland, \$1,400,000,000; Latin America, \$3,200,000,000; Europe, \$400,000,000, and Asia and Oceania, \$690,000,000. It will be observed that nearly 45 per cent. of the total investment which amounted to \$9,099,000,000, was in Latin America.

Investments of Americans abroad are increasing at the rate of about one billion dollars a year, so that they now amount to close to 11 billions of dollars, in addition to above 12 billion dollars of Foreign Government obligations held by the United States Treasury.

Our creed is that the science of government is an experimental science, and that like all experimental sciences, it is generally in a state of progression. No man can be so obstinate an admirer of the old times as to deny that medicine, surgery, botany, chemistry, engineering, navigation are better understood now than in any former age. We conceive that it is the same with political science. Like those physical sciences which we have mentioned, it has always been working itself clearer and clearer and depositing impurity after impurity. There was a time when the most powerful of human intellects were deluded by the gibberish of the astrologer and the alchemist; and just so there was a time when the most enlightened and virtuous statesmen thought it the first duty of a government to persecute heretics, to found monasteries, to make war on the Saracens. But time advances; facts accumulate; doubts arise. Faint glimpses of truth begin to appear, and shine more and more unto the perfect day. The highest intellects, like the tops of the mountains, are the first to catch and reflect the dawn. They are bright, while the level below is still in darkness. But soon the light, which at first illuminated only the loftiest eminence, descends on the plain and penetrates to the deepest valley. First come hints, then fragments of systems, then defective systems, then complete and harmonious systems. The sound opinion, held for a time by one bold speculator, becomes the opinion of a small minority, of a strong minority, of a majority of mankind.—Macaulay.



How Canada's Exports of Wheat and Flour have Increased in the Last 25 Years

The increase in Canada's wheat and flour exports in the last 25 fiscal years is shown by the chart. The lower line represents flour exports expressed in bushels of wheat, allowing four and a half bushels for each barrel of flour. The middle line shows exports of wheat alone, and the upper one the total exports of wheat and flour expressed in terms of wheat. In the fiscal year ending 1902, the total was about 31,000,000 bushels. The increase was fairly steady until 1914. The drop in 1915 reflected the dry season of the year before, and the following rapid increase the good crops of 1915 and 1916. Then followed the period of dry years until in 1919 a low point of about 83,000,000 bushels was reached. The increases since then have been enormous, exceeding 300,000,000 bushels in 1924. For the year ending March 31 last, the exports were close to 295,000,000 bushels.



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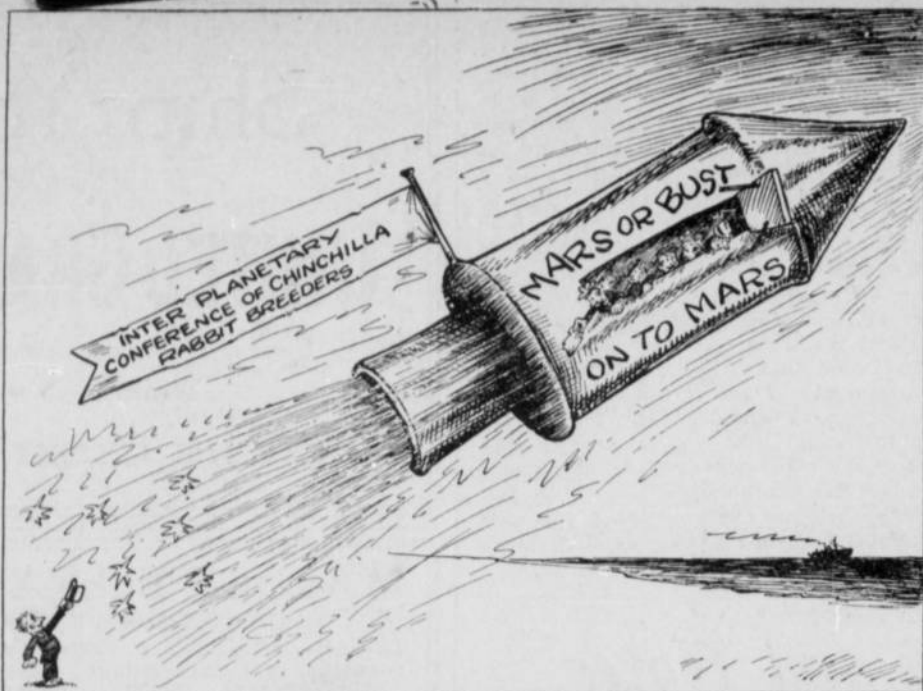
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## SCREENINGS

The Bore—"I passed by your place yesterday."

The Bored—"Thanks awfully!"

Mrs. Goldie: "I mended the hole in your trousers pocket after you went to bed last night. Am I not a helpful little wife, dear?"

Mr. G.: "Um—er—yes; but how in thunder did you know there was a hole in my pocket?"

Man (in drug store): "I want some consecrated lye."

Druggist: "You mean concentrated lye."

"It does nutmeg any difference. That's what I camphor: What does it sulfur?"

"Fifteen scents. I never cinnamon with so much wit."

"Well, I should myrrh-myrrh. Yet I ammonia novice at it."

Dibble: "What was the greatest war song ever written?"

Dabble: "Here Comes the Bride."

Customer—"Have I the pleasant expression you require?"

Photographer—"Perfectly, sir."

Customer—"Then shoot quick; it hurts my face."

An old farmer and his wife were standing before their pig-sty, looking at their only pig, when the old lady said: "John, it will be our silver wedding tomorrow. Let's kill the pig."

John replied with disgust: "What's the use of murdering the poor pig for what happened 25 years ago?"

"Do you know Adolph, the butcher boy? Well, he just dropped 60 feet."

Er—"Sixty feet! Did it kill him?"

Dumb—"No, they were pigs' feet."

Father (addressing son at the dinner table): "I see you are at the foot of the spelling class again."

Son: "Yes, sir."

Father: "How come this time?"

Son: "I put too many 'z's' in scissors."

Ben—"Where's the boy who used to wave a red flag in front of a bull?"

Eben—"Oh, he's running a red roadster in front of express trains now."

It was a wordy fight, and the little man with what looked like two pounds of sausages under his arm gave his parting shot.

"The sooner" he said, emphatically, "that I never see your face again the better it will be for both of us when we meet."

Auntie (reading)—"Satan trembles when he sees the feeblest saint upon his knees".

Roy—"But, Auntie, why does Satan let the saint sit on his knees if it makes him tremble?"

Salesman—"This is the type of washing-machine that pays for itself, sir."

Prospect—"Well, as soon as it has done that you can have it delivered at my house."

The meanest man we know of is the warden who put a tack in the electric chair.

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Customer—"Then give me gas."

"What I don't understand about this here game of golf," said Uncle Ike, "is why some people play it when it makes 'em so darn mad."

Teacher—"Johnny, I'm only punishing you because I love you."

Johnny—"I wish I was big enough to return your love."

Sandy—"Hoo is it, Jock, that I can mak sic an enairmous profit off y' potatoes when ye gie a special price to each freend?"

Jock—"Well, I tak a half-crown the price because he's a freend o' mine then I tak ten pounds off the hundred weight because I'm a freend o' his."